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The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Psalms 16:5-6

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Proverbs 22:1

Except the LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it.

Psalms 127:1

Broad-streeted Richmond . . . .
The trees in the streets are old trees used to living with people,
Family-trees that remember your grandfather's name.

Stephen Vincent Benet: *John Brown's Body*, Book 4

He serves me most who serves his country best.

Alexander Pope: *The Iliad of Homer*, Book X, line 201

PREFACE

In 1947 after I had completed *The Herndon Family of Virginia: Volume One—The First Three Generations,* I decided that Volume Two should appear under the title, *The Herndons of the American Revolution.* The manuscript was prepared, and a part of it was actually set in type. Its content, however, was strictly limited to an identification of the various Herndons for whom I had found a record of service during the Revolution and to a recitation of what that service was. Friends whom I consulted urged me to change the style of its presentation so as to follow the arrangement, by families, usually observed in genealogical writings, and to include whatever significant data I had found applicable to each person of the fourth and fifth generation, whether it pertained to his or her part in the American Revolution or not.

Their advice was good, and so in 1948 I reprepared my manuscript, and added the names of the children of the members of the fifth generation. In other words, I extended the scope to include the names of the sixth generation and their spouses. When my friendly critics saw the result, they wisely recommended that an expansion be made to include a statement of the places and dates of birth, death, marriage, and occasionally of burial of all known members of the sixth generation and a note as to whether they left issue. Hundreds of pages of manuscript were then rewritten to include that information.

Some of these loyal friends, on reading individual sketches which I sent them, stressed their desire then to see a record of another whole generation added, by my listing corresponding information about the seventh generation. They explained that it would make the published work much more valuable, and that it would enable hundreds of persons to determine their own Herndon descent with far greater ease.

So once more I began the writing of the additional records from data I had previously assembled. (Of course, during this period of time correspondents were adding information and correcting details in previously supplied material.) It was then 1949. I was still expecting to include all this wealth of material in a single volume. But, as the year advanced, I realized better than ever before the size of the task I had set for myself. I decided that I must break up the work into Parts and complete the various Parts successively.

By the spring of 1950 I found that I then had ready for printing all that was to be included in Parts I and II. Part III was nearly ready.

THE PLAN It is my plan to have a Part deal with all the known descendants in the fourth and through the seventh generation of a person mentioned in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* as a grandchild of William Herndon, founder of the Virginia family. Thus Part One treats of the family of John Herndon, of Charlotte County; Part Two concerns the family of Edward Herndon, of Spotsylvania County; Part Three deals with the family of William Herndon, of Orange County, Va., and so on. Some errors in *The Herndon Family of Virginia* have, of course, been discovered. In the various Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* corrections of those errors will be made in appropriate places.

FEMALE LINES I have made no serious attempt to include herein a detailed record of Herndon descendants in the female line. Yet when appropriate information concerning them has been furnished me or when my own researches have revealed data pertinent to them, I have included a statement of that material, with citation to the source from which it was obtained.

MARRIAGE RECORDS In Virginia the use of marriage bonds rather than marriage licenses was general from about 1783 until past the middle of the Nineteenth Century. Great numbers of these have been lost. They were originally in the custody of county officials.

Some have been transferred to the State Library at Richmond. Others were sent there temporarily for transcription or photostating. Still others of the extant bonds remain in the county courthouses, some not even indexed. With the passing years these records which were for so long a time inaccessible to the general public are commencing to be more readily available, either in printed lists in genealogical publications or in the Archives Division of the State Library.

In this book I have regularly given the marriage bond date as the date of marriage, except in those cases in which I have a record of the latter as being different from the former. Since such bonds and, somewhat later, marriage licenses are nearly always arranged chronologically in the county records, I have omitted page references. When, however, information about the date of a marriage has come to me from other than an official source, I have tried, in each case, to give credit to the person who contributed it to me.

PROBATES The first step in probating a Will is, of course, the presentation of it to the appropriate court. In some States the Will is then said to be *probated;* in others, *proved;* in others, *presented for probate;* in others, *placed on register,* and so forth. The actual probate is subse-

quent to this action. To a genealogist, however, the date when a Will is first presented to the court is of importance, for if that date is coupled with the date when the Will was signed or the last codicil thereto was added, there is definitely established the limited period within which the testator must have died. It has been my usual practice to use the term *proved* to signify that a Will was offered for probate. If the actual date of death is known, the genealogical significance of the date of probate disappears.

CENSUS RECORDS When I have lacked the exact dates of birth of the children in a family, I have frequently found their ages given in the Federal Census of 1850, 1860, 1870, or 1880. I have utilized such information without specifying the source of my statement as to the year of birth shown. Similarly, when a man is shown to be living in 1860 but his name is not shown in the next enumeration but instead his formerly listed wife is shown as then the head of what had been his family, I have ordinarily assumed that she is his widow. In such a case I would give the date of his death as "probably 1860-1870." When successive censuses have shown wide disparities in the age of an individual, I have had to rely on other data even to estimate an approximate date of birth.

AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE RECORDS The original source material which I examined for the preparation of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* is located either in The National Archives at Washington or in the Archives of the various States mentioned. In the various Parts of this book I have quoted in detail the priceless information extracted from all types of service records and pension papers. I have used secondary material only when I have tested its reliability for complete accuracy in many particulars, and also when it was impossible for me to seek out the original documents themselves. Nearly every item quoted is one which I personally examined in its present official abiding place.

LATER MILITARY SERVICE RECORDS Although the purpose of this book is to honor those brave men and women who patriotically contributed to the winning of The American Revolution, I have included herein a brief mention of the services rendered by Herndons of later generations in the War of 1812, the Indian Wars, and the Mexican War. I have made no attempt to give a full record of such service. I have, I am glad to note, what is supposed to be a complete list of the Herndons who were enroled in the Armed Forces of our Nation in all our wars from the Revolution through the Spanish-American and an official abstract of their participation.

RECORDS of 1861-1865: UNION AND CONFEDERATE The fact that I have mentioned in the text that a person served in the Union or Confederate Army must not be taken to imply that others in that family did not also serve. My Civil War records are too voluminous to be presented herein in any detail. I have, moreover, not hesitated to use the term "Civil War." When I was a student at Washington and Lee University, the expression "War between the States" had not gained currency. The passage of forty years has not caused me to see what is gained by the longer title. Once while I was examining some records at Spotsylvania Courthouse I saw in an old book that that titanic conflict was called "Virginia's Second War for Independence." My records are of brave men who lived and fought, and many of whom died for what they held most dear. Some were Union soldiers; more were Confederate soldiers. My own Herndons were all on the Confederate side of the struggle, which I call the Civil War, as they did also.

NICKNAMES Among the problems confronting an indexer one of the most troublesome concerns nicknames. I commend to your consideration, in looking for any individual's name in the index, a thought as to the other names by which he or she may well have been called. Then see whether a person by such a name is listed.

ABBREVIATIONS The only abbreviations used herein are those regularly used in standard genealogical works, except that NCRAA and CSRNC indicate *North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts and Colonial and State Records of North Carolina,* respectively.

APPEAL FOR CORRECTION OF ERRORS I shall be most pleased to receive information concerning members of the Herndon family which is either additional to that contained herein or in correction of it. If the reader has any dates to supply, either of birth, marriage, or death, I hope he or she will send them to me. If any old family letters give pertinent and interesting facts not likely to be otherwise generally known, I shall be pleased to receive copies of them. If any family Bibles give data not already in my possession, I shall be delighted to receive copies, photostatic, handwritten, or typewritten. It is my plan to have a special Part of *addenda et errata.* If you prefer *corrigenda* to the uglier intimations and insinuations of *errata,* you may call your corrections of my errors by this milder term. I sincerely trust that the number of errors is slight and that the number of contributions of new material will be substantial. This planned Part dealing with such items will be scheduled to appear on com-

pletion of the last of the regular Parts. Whether its number will be 13 or 16 is now unimportant.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS In footnotes to various sketches in all the Parts of *The Herndons of the American Revolution* I have attempted to record the names of those who have furnished me information about individual members of the Herndon family. But I realize full well how inadequate such an expression of my appreciation is—as if I could crowd into a line at the bottom of a page the real sense of indebtedness I feel to each of my 800 correspondents who, by his or her generosity of time and suggestions and contributions of family records, has enriched this study.

In my earlier work, *The Herndon Family of Virginia: The First Three Generations,* I singled out for special recognition certain persons who had been of unusual assistance to me in its preparation. Now it becomes my privilege to name others who in various ways have been very helpful in the completion and presentation of this more ambitious opus, *The Herndons of the American Revolution.* The Reverend Clayton Torrence, FASG, and Meredith B. Colket, Jr., M.A., FASG, have never ceased to encourage me from the very start of my effort. The former, more than any other person, taught me the standards of genealogical excellence toward which I should strive. I have not achieved his felicity of expression whereby the *dramatis personae* of his genealogical sketches all become flesh and blood characters whom you would recognize if, by turning backward the wheel of time, you might meet them on the street or in the marketplace, on their plantation, at church, or at a county courthouse somewhere in Virginia or North Carolina; but I have recognized the importance of giving information additional to dates of birth, marriage, and death. Meredith Colket, though full of honors, is still in his thirties. When he was a student at Haverford College, he majored in Government under me. With the passing years our friendship has grown even closer. He has never let up in his enthusiasm to see my Herndon data arranged and printed. In the past few years I have all but majored in Genealogy under him! Only in small measure can I acknowledge my unpayable debt to my beloved wife, Grace Middleton Herndon, for her cheeriness of spirit, for her extraordinary patience with me while I sought out knowledge of Herndons who had long since passed from earth, and for her travels with me to courthouses at which she hoped I would not stop. We have had wonderful times together on genealogical quests in England and all over the United States, and our lives have been enriched by the friendships that have blossomed from the contacts then made. Of these

I here take note of two. "Top priority" ratings are given to Martha Gilmore (Mrs. R. G.) Robinson, of New Orleans, La., and Ruth Herndon (Mrs. C. W.) Shields, of Chapel Hill, N. C., both of whom have an intense love for solving baffling puzzles of family relationship. Each of these has given untold hours toward making my Herndon records more nearly complete. Mrs. Shields' compilations are, in fact, so thorough that I hope that she may be persuaded to publish them as a sort of source book on the history of Orange County, North Carolina.

Mr. George H. S. King, FASG, of Fredericksburg, Va., Miss Ann Waller Reddy, of Richmond, Va., Dr. Joseph Dupuy Eggleston, of Hampden-Sydney, Va., Miss Grace Yager, of Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. William Day Dickinson, of Glasgow, Ky., Mrs. Luke Hodges, of Wichita Falls, Texas, Mrs. Ruth Herndon Burr, of Conway, Ark., and Miss Frances Powell Otken, of Macomb, Mississippi, have been wonderfully helpful in connection with specialized fields of investigation. But as I said in my earlier books, these compilations would have been impossible but for the data gathered by my uncle, Thomas Hall Herndon, and Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon, both now deceased.

I wish to record here my sincere thanks for the especially helpful suggestions on several genealogical research matters given me by Mrs. W. S. West, of the staff of the North Carolina Department of History and Archives, at Raleigh, Mr. E. M. Lynch, Clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County, at Hillsboro, North Carolina, and Mrs. Margaret M. H. Finch, who retired in 1949 from her position in the Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C., where for many years she was in charge of Revolutionary War pension claims, who have generously rendered me aid "beyond the call of duty." They deserve special recognition for their part in my preparation of this Part.

And last, for an entirely different field of his cooperation, I mention Mr. Arthur J. Frank, executive vice-president of The Wickersham Printing Company, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In season and out of season he and his co-workers have aided me with suggestions for the improvement of the appearance of what I have written. They know, as all true book-lovers know, that fine printing is an art.

JOHN GOODWIN HERNDON

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PREFACE FOR A GENEALOGY:

LINES INSPIRED BY READING OLD RECORDS

By Ruth Herndon Shields

To William Herndon, first of his name in Virginia,
In February sixteen hundred and seventy-three,
Was patented land in New Kent County, Virginia . . .
Land " on the freshes of the Mattapony,"
Land three thousand miles from his English home
In the old County of Kent . . .
Land granted for bringing other white settlers
To this new Kent in Virginia:
Men and women whose seed is now scattered
To the farthest bounds of our country.

What hope, what vision, drew them across the sea?
Many and varied their names, many and varied their lives,
Some were strong and successful, others fumbling and weak.
Carter, Randall, Monroe; Whitney, Kirby and Freeman;
Turner, Nichols and Wells; Sanders, Owens and Hawley;
Jefferson, Conway and Price . . .
They, and thousands like them,—their children
And their children's children,—made our America.
Unto this day we share in their mighty achievement.
In every county the old records read,
" To John Kirby, a grant,—so many acres of land " . . .
New land, to clear, to plant, and to guard.
" James Price appeared before this Court
" And took the Oath of His Majesty's Justice " . . .
To serve and uphold the law.
" William Turner and his neighbors
" Are appointed a committee to lay out a new road " . . .
Always a new road, leading on
To new homes in far-away places.

In the old rosters their names are found
Serving their country in every moment of danger.
Their deeds are a part of our history.
Each life made a part of the growing strength of our Nation,
Until the end, when each left his soul unto God,
To the earth his dust, and to his children his name
And the worldly goods with which God had blessed him.

Valiant souls! Our forebears!
We, your inheritors, salute you!
Here, in this little book, are your names preserved
In grateful and loving remembrance.

THIRD GENERATION

#8 RICHARD HERNDON [son of Edward and Mary Waller Herndon] was born probably about 1708 in King and Queen County, Va. The only item so far discovered about him in official or other records is the order of the Carolina Court 10 August 1732 to Richard Green to pay Richard Herndon 61 pounds of tobacco for testifying two days as a witness for Green.[1]

What follows is therefore pure conjecture insofar as Richard Herndon is concerned. We believe that he married about 1730 and had a son George who settled in Orange County, N. C., and that he married secondly about 1739 and had four children, all of whom also lived at a later date in Orange County, N. C. The names of the wives of Richard Herndon have not been determined.

Child of Richard Herndon and his first wife:

40 GEORGE HERNDON m SARAH ———.

Children of Richard Herndon and his second wife:

41 DAVID HERNDON m FRANCES PIERCE, and secondly, ELIZABETH ———.
42 ELIZABETH HERNDON m MAJOR LEA.
43 BENJAMIN HERNDON m LYDIA MASSEY.
44 FANNIE HERNDON m THOMAS MARCOM.

[1] *Caroline County Order Book* #1: 35.

FOURTH GENERATION

#40 GEORGE HERNDON [8 Richard Herndon of Caroline County] was born about 1731 in Caroline County, Va.; died in 1796 in Orange County, N. C.; married about 1752, in Caroline County, SARAH ———, who died in Orange County, N. C., in 1802.

George Herndon is first mentioned in the records of Caroline County, Va., 13 August 1752 when a negro girl slave belonging to him was adjudged to be 8 years of age.[1] On 15 August 1755 the Court found for him in his suit begun earlier against David Barksdale, being awarded 5 shillings or 50 pounds of tobacco. The next year he again sued David Barksdale who 10 September 1756 was ordered to pay George Herndon £10 in current money as damages, and the latter was ordered to pay James Ware 125 pounds of tobacco for testifying five days in court for him.[2] Almost immediately after this verdict was announced, George and Sarah Herndon, with their three babies, Mary, Ruth and Zachariah, left for North Carolina. No further reference to this George has been found in the Caroline records.

The first court of the newly created County of Orange, formed from parts of Bladen, Granville, and Johnston Counties, N. C., was held 9 September 1752. Its Minutes from then through August 1766 have been preserved. From them we gain a few references to George Herndon who, in June 1757, was appointed constable of the north settlement on New Hope Creek, a position he continued to hold until sometime in the 1766-1776 decade, the Minutes for which have been lost. The community called Corbin Town in the first of the two items quoted below from the Court Minutes of March 1759, and Childsburg in the second, from the Minutes of the November 1760 term of Court, later became Hillsborough and is now Hillsboro:

> Ordered that Edward Stone, William Rhodes, William Cox, Joseph Barbee, GEORGE HERENDON, John Barbee, Christopher Barbee, John Patterson, William Pickett, John West, James Acock [Aycock], and Arthur Cook be appointed as a jury to lay out a Road Leading from Orange County Court House to the County line and from thence to Tower Hill where the Seat of Government is directed to be fixed and that the Sheriff summon the said Jury to meet at the Court House in Corbin Town on the 25th Day of July next in order to be qualified and that they make return of their proceedings to next Court, and that Edward Stone be Overseer from the Court House to William Rhodes, and John Patterson from thence to Joseph Barbee's and the said Barbee from thence to the County line.

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[1] *Caroline County (Va.) Court Order Book #3:* 334.

[2] *Caroline County (Va.) Court Order Book #4:* 105, 212.

> Ordered that Mark Morgan, Joseph Barbee, Henry Beasley, John Patterson, GEORGE HERNDON, John Barbee, James Trice, Christopher Barbee, Christopher Rhodes, William Rhodes, Thomas Capper, James Aycock, Edward Stone, Wm. Cox, Benjamin Saxon, William Pickett, Arthur Cook, and William Williams be appointed as a Jury to lay out a Road leading from Childsburg to the Johnston County Line . . . . they to appear at the Court House in Childsburg on the 2nd Tuesday in February.

The August 1761 court directed him to "summons the taxables in the District of John Patterson, Esq." which was described as "from the Mouth of Beaver Creek, the upper side to Johnson's line, including the whole to the branches of Enoe and New Hope."

His third road jury assignment was given at the court beginning 2 August 1763 which ordered that

> GEORGE HERNDON, Xpher Barbee, Richard Hopson, John Booth, John Trice [and seven others] lay out a Road from Johnson's Line near Edward Herring's Spring to Cape Fare [Fear] Road near the place where James Trice formerly lived. [Johnson's Line may well mean the Johnston County line.]

Not long after his arrival in Orange County George Herndon applied for 500 acres on the waters of New Hope Creek, which the Province of North Carolina granted him 11 June 1761. The property covered by this as well as by the last grant made to him by the State of North Carolina 21 September 1785 was in Orange County, while the second, third, and fourth grants to him were in that part of Wake County which had been cut off from Orange in 1770. Successively his grants had been for 500, 639, 284, 500, 196, 200, and 101 acres for a total of 2,420 acres in one solid tract.

In addition, he purchased from Richard Leigh 20 January 1790 a 250 acre tract, described as the land Leigh lived on, adjoining Herndon's line, Joseph Bennett's line, and Barbee's line.

By two unrecorded deeds George Herndon gave to his eldest son, Zachariah, adjacent properties, containing 300 and 50 acres, respectively, in Orange County, the first before 1785, the second before 1790. On them Zachariah was taxed in the years mentioned.

The following is an abstract of the deed of gift of 400 acres lying both in Orange County and in Wake County from George Herndon to his son James: [3]

> GEORGE HERNDON, of Orange, planter, to JAMES HERNDON, his son, of Wake, planter, for the consideration of love, 400 acres on both sides of Flat Branch,

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[3] *Wake County Deed Book H*: 58.

adjoining Joseph Booth's, being part of a 500 acre grant from North Carolina, bearing date 9 August 1779. Deed dated 27 October 1785; signed and sealed in the presence of Jno. Humphries and Jno. Herndon; proved by the oath of Jno. Humphries, Esq., March 1787 term of court.

James Herndon, the son, later sold a part of this property to Davis and Simon Harris. An abstract follows: [4]

JAMES HERNDON, planter, to Samuel Davis and Simon Harris, for £250 consideration 250 acres in Wake and Orange Counties, adjoining GEORGE HERNDON'S and Joseph Booth's, being part of a grant of 500 acres to GEORGE HERNDON, dated 9 August 1779. Deed dated 12 February 1798, witnessed by L[ewis] Herndon and Zacha[riah] Herndon.

Then 12 August 1800 the new owners sold to SARAH HERNDON, of Orange, for £150, a tract of 250 acres, presumably the above-mentioned land, described as on the south side of Northeast Creek in Wake County, adjacent to Joseph Booth's and George Herndon's. The deed was witnessed by L. Bledsoe and L[ewis] Herndon.[5] And promptly after the return of this property to the widow of George Herndon, she resold it, on 15 December 1801 to Edwin Motley, of Wake, for £250, the deed being witnessed by James Motley, L[ewis] and Edmund Herndon.[6] Thereby those acres finally passed from the Herndons.

In September 1780, in the days of currency inflation, the assessed value of George Herndon's property for tax purposes was £10,504 10s. 0d., he being reckoned one of the wealthiest men in St. Mark's District. Then that district was divided and his residence was in the newly created St. Mary's District, where he was taxed in 1782 on £1,217. In 1785 he was recorded as living in St. Mary's and as the owner of 1,400 acres on the waters of New Hope, and taxable on five slaves. After his death in 1796, the assessments were entered against his widow Sarah in St. Mark's District. In fact, the Federal Census of 1790, using the preserved list of taxpayers to replace the lost census schedules, shows George Herndon then living in St. Mark's District of Orange County. In 1796 Sarah Herndon was charged there with the ownership of 1,200 acres and 8 taxable slaves. In 1798 she was assessed on 500 acres and 6 slaves, and her sons, Zachariah and Edmund, on 350 and 363 acres, respectively, and a few slaves. By 1800 James, the second son, was living in Orange rather than in Wake, and was taxed in the former on 640 acres and two slaves;

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[4] *Wake County Deed Book Q:* 94.

[5] *Ibid.:* 380.

[6] *Wake County Deed Book R:* 123.

Zachariah on 350 acres and three slaves; Edmund on 371 acres and two slaves; and Sarah, their mother, on 500 acres and six slaves.

The following are some of the records pertaining to this GEORGE HERNDON who served as a captain during the Cross Creek expedition in both 1775 and 1776:

> In the 58th Report in *The Public Accounts of the State of North Carolina* which commences 22 August 1775 it is stated that Captain GEORGE HERNDON was entitled to 7/6 per diem for 25 days or a total of £9 7s. 6d., for service under Colonel Ambrose Ramsay commanding the Chatham Regiment of Militia on an expedition to Cross Creek against the Insurgents, etc.[7]

> In Bundle #2, pertaining to the Moore's Creek expedition under Colonel Caswell, are Certificates #92 and #98 for £106 10s. and £232 7s. 0d. respectively, issued to Captain GEORGE HERNDON. In Bundle #3 are certificates issued to him for £25 15s 2d., £231 2s. 2d., £245 2s. 0d., £216 15s. 0d., and £213 7s. 4d.[8]

> The following is part of a letter from Colonel Folsom to the Council of Safety, dated Cross Creek 8 Oct. 1776: [9]
>
> > The detachment how consists of three companies of Foot: Captain [GEORGE] HERNDON and Captain Bullock complete, Captain John Walsh who is joined with the Wake County men, is very near full . . . .
> >
> > Captain Atkins with his company of Light horse is stationed in Bladen in quest of the outlying men who were concerned in the murder of Captain Richardson: part of Atkinson's are out on Duty in Anson County and the rest are in Chatham County at the Request and by the Express from Col. Jeduthan Harper . . .
> >
> > Your most humble servant
> > /s/ Ebenr Folsom

> There was also certification of a payment due to G[eorge] HERNDON for £8 10s., principal, and £3 8s. 8d., interest, by the Sheriff of Orange County.[10]

In the Minute Book for the years 1777 to 1788 GEORGE HERNDON is mentioned a few times, as follows: (1) as a member of numerous juries; (2) as a witness in the suit of Samuel Craig v J Munro, August 1785; and (3) as defendant in a suit brought by Susannah Waters, in which the jury brought in a verdict against him, and the Court fined him one cent and costs, August 1784.

There follow the holographic Will of George Herndon and the Will of his widow Sarah Herndon: [11]

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[7] NCRAA, Book 1-6: 167.

[8] NCRAA, Book E-G: 58-59.

[9] CSRNC, Vol. #10: 839.

[10] NCRAA, Book VII: 16-1.

[11] *Orange County Will Book C:* 85 and *Book D:* 70.

In the name of God Amen I, GEORGE HERNDON, of the County of Orange in the State of North Carolina, being in perfect health of body and of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executrix and executors, hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give, devise and dispose in the following manner and form:

First, I lend to SARAH my beloved wife, my Homestead tract of land and tenements, supposed to be five hundred acres, during her natural life, with all my household furniture, with all my stock of every kind, with all my smith tools and my grist mill, and my best wagon and gears. And all my tools of every kind I lend to SARAH, my beloved wife, during her natural life, and that she kill and make use of my stock as she pleases without any interruption. I also give and bequeath to SARAH, my beloved wife, one negro woman named Chloe and what money I have in hand.

I also give and bequeath to MARY ROBERTS, my daughter, one negro boy named Ben.

I also give to my daughter RUTH ROBERTS one negro boy named Brass.

I also give to my son JAMES HERNDON one negro girl called Pat.

I also give to my daughter SALLY MCCOY one negro man named Nat.

I also give to my son GEORGE HERNDON one negro boy named Prince.

I also give to my son ZECHARIAH one negro girl named Tamar.

I also give to my son REUBEN one negro boy named Samson.

I also give to my daughter BETTY COLE one negro girl named Candace.

I also give to my daughter ESTHER BARBEE one negro boy named Jerry.

I also give to my son EDMUND one negro boy named Armstead.

I also give to my son LEWIS HERNDON one negro boy named Ned.

I also give to my daughter DELILAH RHODES one negro girl named Milley.

I also lend to SARAH, my beloved wife, my still and apple mill during her natural life. And after the decease of SARAH, my beloved wife, I give to my sons LEWIS and EDMUND HERNDON my three tracts of land: my homestead, supposed to be five hundred acres, and my other two tracts adjoining to it, one tract supposed to be three hundred and thirty acres and the other two hundred and forty-nine acres; and it is my desire that it should be equally divided betwixt the two, and, if they cannot agree, that they would choose four men to value the land, and, if any odds, let the other pay up, my homestead tract to be valued against the other two tracts of land, and if they cannot agree which shall have the homestead tract of land, it is my desire that they should draw lots for it.

I also give and bequeath to my four daughters RUTH ROBERTS, MARY ANNE TRICE, BETTY COLE and ESTHER BARBEE four negroes: one named Doll and one negro woman named Liller and one negro woman named Tamar and one negro woman named Phyllis, to be equally divided, to them and their heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath to my son REUBEN HERNDON one feather bed and furniture.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter DELILAH RHODES one negro man named Sam, after the decease of SARAH, my wife.

I also give to my son LEWIS one fourth part of my cattle and hogs after the decease of SARAH, my wife, and that SARAH, my wife, shall not be accountable for any of my stock that she makes use of.

I also lend to SARAH, my beloved wife, all my negroes, during her life, excepting the one that I gave her. And after the decease of Sarah, my life, I give to my sons and daughters here named, and that is to say, all the rest of my negroes, to my daughters RUTH ROBERTS, MARY ANNE TRICE, BETTY COLE, ESTHER BARBEE and DELILAH RHODES and my sons JAMES HERNDON, ZECHARIAH HERNDON, EDMUND and LEWIS HERNDON to be equally divided, to them and their heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath to my son LEWIS one horse to be valued at twenty pounds current money of this State.

I also give and bequeath to my grandson GEORGE ROBERTS one tract of land supposed to be one hundred and ninety-five acres, joining the land that I sold to John Scogin.

I also give to SARAH, my wife, all my brandy to do what she pleases with.

I also give the rest of my estate that I have not mentioned I give to be equally divided between my sons ZECHARIAH HERNDON, EDMUND HERNDON, and LEWIS HERNDON, to them and their heirs forever.

And I do hereby disallow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests and executors before named, willed and bequeathed, and do constitute my loving wife, SARAH HERNDON, ZECHARIAH HERNDON and JAMES HERNDON, my executrix and executors, ratifying this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereby set my hand and seal this eighth day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of us:
JOSEPH BOOTH:
JOS. BILBO : jurat
his
DAVID (x) GEORGE
mark

GEORGE HERNDON (seal)

IN the Name of GOD amen, May the twenty fourth 1802

I, SARAH HERNDON, widow, of the State of North Carolina, Orange County, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following, *vizt:*

First, I give and bequeath to my daughter DELILAH RHODES one negro woman named Chloe, to her freely to be possessed and enjoyed.

I give to my granddaughter SARAH JORDAN my side saddle.

I give and bequeath to my son LEWIS HERNDON Five pounds to him freely to be possessed and enjoyed.

I give to my son JAMES HERNDON five pounds.

I give to my son GEORGE HERNDON the sum of five pounds.

I give to my son ZACH. HERNDON my apple mill.

I give to my daughter MARY ROBERTS five pounds.

I give to my daughter SARAH MCCOY five pounds.

I give to REUBEN HERNDON five pounds; and

My desire is that all my corn, meat, millstones, and one feather bed and furniture, and all the rest of my property, both real and personal, should be sold, and the money thence arising I give to ZACHARIAH HERNDON, EDMOND HERNDON, RUTH ROBERTS senr., MARYAN TRICE, ELIZABETH COLE, ESTHER BARBEE, and DELILAH RHODES, to be equally divided among them.

I give and bequeath to my son ZACHARIAN HERNDON one hundred and forty dollars out of my present money; and

All the rest of my personal ready money, and the money due to me by bonds, notes, and open accompts I give to the seven aforementioned of my children, vizt., ZACHARIAH HERNDON, EDMOND, RUTH, MARYAN, ELIZABETH, ESTHER, and DELILAH, to them freely to be possessed and enjoyed.

And I do hereby constitute, make and ordain ZACHARIAH HERNDON and EDMOND HERNDON Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, ratifying this and no other to be my last. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date before above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of us
THOMAS STEELE SARAH HERNDON (*seal*)
JOSEPH BILBO Jurat

ORANGE COUNTY August Term 1802 The execution of the foregoing will and testament of Sarah Herndon has been duly proved in open court by the oath of Joseph Bilbo, subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded. At the same time the executor therein named qualified accordingly.

Children of George and Sarah (———) Herndon:

266 MARY and RUTH HERNDON m JOHN and THOMAS ROBERTS, but which
267 married the other is not known.
268 ZACHARIAH HERNDON m 1st AMELIA RHODES; m 2nd Mrs. LYDIA (SIMMS) CLIFTON
269 JAMES HERNDON m 1st ———; m 2nd MARY MAXWELL DIXON
270 ELIZABETH HERNDON m WILLIAM COLE
271 SALLY HERNDON m HENRY MCCOY
272 GEORGE HERNDON m 1st ———; m 2nd ALSEY GRISSAM
273 REUBEN HERNDON m FRANCES MCCOY
274 MARY ANNE HERNDON m Rev. EZEKIEL TRICE
275 ESTHER HERNDON m JOHN BARBEE
276 EDMUND HERNDON m 1st REBECCA RHODES; m 2nd ELIZABETH AILSEY HIGH
277 LEWIS HERNDON m POLLY BOOTH
278 DELILAH HERNDON m WILLIAM RHODES

#41 DAVID HERNDON [8 Richard Herndon of Caroline County] was born probably about 1740 in Caroline County, Va. About 1766 he is said to have married FRANCES PIERCE.[1] She must have died between 1788 (about which time her youngest child, Martin Pierce Herndon, was born) and 1799; for in May 1799 DAVID HERNDON and his wife BETSY were received into the fellowship of Wheeley's Primitive Baptist Church of Person County, N. C., by transfer of their church membership from the Country Line Baptist Church.[2]

Two factors indicate that David Herndon lived in Orange County, N. C., before the formation of Caswell County in 1777. He is mentioned in the Minutes of the very first court of Caswell County in June 1777, when he was ordered " to work on the road from Mr. Palmer's to the County line." [3] He must therefore have lived in Orange County before Caswell was erected out of Orange's northern section. The loss of the Orange County Minutes for the years 1766-1777 prevents us from knowing more about him. He was listed in the earliest extant tax list of Caswell County as the owner of 200 acres in Gloucester District, assessed as worth £166 13s. 4d., but no record of his purchase of that tract is available. The reason is, probably, that it was conveyed to him before 1777, but not recorded in the Orange County Courthouse.

His near neighbors in Gloucester District were his relatives, numerous members of the families of Capt. John Herndon Graves, Barzillai Graves, and Thomas Graves.[4] By deeds dated 29 November 1787 [5] John Hopper, Sr., sold to David Herndon two 100-acre tracts on Linch's Creek, and four years later, by deeds dated 14 December 1791,[6] Benjamin Douglass sold him two other 100-acre tracts, which adjoined his earlier purchase. Witnesses to the first two deeds were John Robertson and Benjamin Douglas and to the latter pair of deeds were Larkin Herndon and Gabriel Murphey. On 10 May 1792 David Herndon sold [7] to his son Larkin Herndon 100 acres on the North Hico River, the witnesses being John Landers [8] and James Murphey. These five deeds were recorded in Oc-

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[1] Letter to JGH from Henry Howard Martindale, written from Vero Beach, Fla., 9 July 1938, gives her name as Frances Pierce.

[2] In 1944 John Burch Blaylock presented a transcription of the records of Wheeley's Primitive Baptist Church, Person County, N. C., 1790-1898, to the Archives at Raleigh. David Herndon's wife, Betsy, is named on page 33 thereof.

[3] *Caswell County Minutes* are in the Archives at Raleigh as Vol. C. R. 22.001.

[4] Tax lists of Gloucester District for various years are in the Archives at Raleigh and show these persons as taxpayers there.

[5] *Caswell County Deed Book K:* 146, 147.

[6] *Ibid.:* 143, 144.

[7] *Ibid.:* 145.

[8] See the Excursus on the Johnston and Howard Families for his probable identification, *infra* 216.

tober 1797. On 20 March 1795 David and Larkin Herndon witnessed a deed of sale by Gabriel Murphey, Sr., to his son Gabriel Murphey, Jr., of 105 acres on Linch's Creek, being part of a 450-acre grant by the State of North Carolina to Gabriel Murphey, Sr., 26 November 1793.[9] [Gabriel Murphey, Jr., was the husband of Clarey Herndon, second daughter of David Herndon.]

DAVID HERNDON was mentioned four times in the records of Wheeley's Primitive Baptist Church, as follows: [10]

> At a Church conference held at Wheeleys M. House 4th Saturday in September 1791
>
> > Brother David Herrendon [*sic*] made a motion to the church for us to recommend Brother Daniel Burford to the Association as a candidate for the ministry which was agreed to.
>
> At a church meeting Second Saturday in May 1799
>
> > Bro. John Landers [8] and Brot. David Herrendon [*sic*] our messengers to the Association.
> >
> > Recd 12 members into Fellowship with us (to wit):
> >
> > > DAVID HERRENDON, BETSY HERNDON, NANCY HERRENDON [and nine others].
>
> [At a later meeting, date not noted by JGH]:
>
> > As a part of our members with us we rec'd. from Country Line [Church] by Letter were given up for constitution and we neglected entering it in our minutes in our September meeting 1799 and the members are as follows
> >
> > > DAVID HERONDON and wife, John Landers [8] and wife, Wm Jobling and wife, Norris Compton and wife, Miles Wells, Samuel Smithie, Nancy Dickie, Sarah Marsh, Mary Compton, Henrietta Marsh, Elizabeth Smithie, Mary Wright, Francis Compton, Rachel Pendergast, Elizabeth Washborn, Sallie Hopper, Sally Ashford, Leany Compton [and] NANCY HERRONDON.

At some date between 1799 and 1803 DAVID HERNDON moved to Orange County and continued to live there the remainder of his life. In its extant records he is mentioned as having purchased 19 August 1799 a 100-acre tract from William Muzzall which he sold to his son George Herndon for £100 by deed dated 29 January 1803.[11] He sold another 100 acres, on the South Hyco, to Stephen Ellis 1 March 1808 for £150,[12]

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[9] *Caswell County Deed Book H:* 258, 439.

[10] *Opus cit.*, 7, 33, 35.

[11] *Orange County Deed Books #10:* 343 and *#11:* 71.

[12] *Orange County Deed Book #17:* 33.

but when he acquired them or from whom does not appear in the record. The final reference to him, during his lifetime, is found in the Minutes of the Orange County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions,[13] and reads as follows:

> Court August 1807 David Herndon charged as father of Priscilla Wade's child. Ordered to pay her £27, £7 immediately, and £5 a year thereafter until all is paid.

The following is a copy of David Herndon's Will: [14]

> In the name of God Amen. I DAVID HERNDON of Orange County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but perfect in mind and memory, but knowing that I am mortal and the time of death uncertain, do make and constitute this my last will and testament making void all others heretofore made by me—1st I give up my Soul to God who gave it and 2ndly my body to the earth to be decently buried in at the discression of my Exors. as for my temporal estate or propeerty I leave as followeth:
>
> 1st I give and bequeath to my Daughter FRANCES one feather bed and furniture and one cow and one saddle which she has in possession.
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> 2ndly I give and bequeath my son LARKIN 100 acres of land and one colt and one cow which he has in possession.
>
> 3rdly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter CLARY one feather bed and one cow and one saddle which she has in possession.
>
> 4th I give and bequeath my daughter MARTHA one feather bed one cow and one saddle which she has in possession.
>
> 5thly I give and bequeath to my son EDMOND 100 acres of land one colt and one cow and one pewter Bason [*sic*] which he has in possession.
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> 6thly I give and bequeath to my son GEORGE 100 acres of land one colt one cow one chest of draw[er]s and one pewter dish and one feather bed and furniture which he has in possession.
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> 7thly I give and bequeath to my daughter NANCEY one feather bed and furniture, one cow and one heffer[sic] and medley colt, one loom and gears which she now has in possession and likewise one flax wheel, one cotton wheel, one saddle, and one Bible in possession and half the pewter and one feather bed and furniture at my discease [sic].
>
> 8th I give and bequeath to my daughter RACHEL one feather bed and one cow and one saddle which she has in possession.
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> 9th I give and bequeath to my daughter ELIZABETH one feather bed and one cow one saddle and bridle, one Bible one cotton wheel which she has in possession.
>
> 10thly I give and bequeath to my daughter REBECCA one feather bed and one cow one saddle and bridle, one Bible one cotton wheel which she has in possession.
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> 11thly I give and bequeath to my son MARTIN PIERCE one feather bed and furniture one cow one bay colt saddle and bridle 100 acres of land whereon I now live and half my pewter and all my plantation tools and one chest (a white dove-

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[13] *Minute Docket, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Orange County, 1805-1809*, in the Archives at Raleigh.

[14] Copied from recorded copy of this Will in the Courthouse at Hillsboro.

tailed one) and one table (walnut one) and all my wearing clothes and my large table Bible, one small trunk at my death.

The balance of my estate (after my just debts is paid) to be sold and equilly [sic] divided between my daughter NANCY and my son MARTIN PIERCE.

I appoint my sons EDMOND HERNDON and GEORGE HERNDON my executives to this my last will and testament and I do hereby disannull revoke and disallow all and every other former will, legacy, or exrs by me in any wise heretofore made or named. I confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seal this 9th day of March 1811.

Signed and sealed in present
presence of — DAVID HERNDON (seal)
JNO. LANDERS [8]
ELISHA ROWARK

(A note that the executors qualified and that the will was recorded is written on the original will, but the date of its probate is omitted.)

The inventory of his estate was duly filed with the Orange County Court. Among the purchasers of assets of that estate were four of the children of DAVID HERNDON: Edmund, George, Nancy and Martin P. Herndon, as well as numerous members of the families into which his children had married.

Children of David Herndon and Frances Pierce:

279 FRANCES HERNDON m ———. It is assumed that she was married, because her father, in his Will, left to her the same sort of legacy as he made to each of his other *married* daughters.

280 LARKIN HERNDON m first ELIZABETH TERRELL; m secondly SOPHIA JOHNSON.

281 CLAREY HERNDON m in Caswell County 4 February 1788 GABRIEL MURPHEY, JR.

282 MARTHA HERNDON m in Caswell County 14 February 1794 JOHN WARREN, with Larkin Warren on their marriage bond.

283 EDMUND HERNDON m ELIZABETH GRAHAM.

284 GEORGE HERNDON m PRISCILLA WELLS.

285 NANCY HERNDON, received into membership of Wheeley's Primitive Baptist Church, Person County, N. C., in September 1799 on transfer by letter from the Country Line Baptist Church; was unm., 1811.

286 RACHEL HERNDON m LARKIN HOWARD.

287 REBECCA HERNDON m in Orange County, N. C., 28 March 1806 JOHN WELLS.

288 ELIZABETH HERNDON m in Orange County, N. C., 15 October 1806 WILLIS WELLS.

299 MARTIN PIERCE HERNDON m ELIZABETH T. HURT.

Excursus on the Johnston and Howard Families

The interrelationships between certain members of the Herndon, Howard, and Johnston families of Caswell County, N. C., are sufficiently complicated to justify setting them forth here in order to make clear to the reader who the various persons mentioned were.

In 1745 LARKIN JOHNSTON (1727-1816) m MARY ROGERS (1727-1800), fourth of the nine children of John Rogers and his wife Rachel Eastham. Larkin and Mary Johnston had the following children: [15]

i. William Johnston (b 14 October 1746, Spotsylvania Co., Va.; d 1759);

ii. Ann Johnston (b 22 June 1749) m 1772 Samuel Cush;

iii. Larkin Johnston (b 11 July 1752; d 1757);

iv. Lucy Johnston (b 15 May 1755, Halifax Co., Va.) m 1783 John Landers or Sanders; but Landers is probably correct. If so, he was doubtless the faithful and intimate friend of David Herndon and of David Herndon's children.

v. Sarah Johnston (b 18 May 1758, Granville Co., N. C.) m first 1778 Francis Howard, as his second wife; she m secondly Henry Fuller.

vi. Littleton Johnston (b 18 February 1761; d 1842) m Lucy Childs (1726-1826);

vii. John Johnston (b 22 December 1763; d 1817) m first Leah Long; m secondly Mary Warren;

viii. Theodoric Johnston (b 20 August 1766) m Elizabeth Stuard;

ix. Sophia Johnston (b 15 December 1767) m Larkin Herndon, as his second wife; and

x. Richard Johnston (b 14 March 177–) m 1802 Elizabeth Hemphill.

FRANCIS HOWARD [16] married first Ann Allen, by whom he had children named:

Harry; Rebecca; Rhesa; Groves; Patty; Elizabeth; William; and Francis Howard.

He married, secondly, SARAH JOHNSTON, by whom he had three children:

ix. Larkin Howard married Rachel Herndon, daughter of David Herndon. Their marriage bond was signed by himself and Richard Johnston 21 October 1801 in Orange County, N. C., but it was incorrectly made out in the name of Martin Howard and Rachel Herndon. There was no such person as Martin Howard. The clerical error was not noticed by the bridegroom and the error was not corrected. Details of the subsequent life of Larkin and Rachel (Herndon) Howard, such as the birth of their children and their own tombstone inscriptions, prove that Rachel Herndon's only husband was Larkin Howard.

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[15] The dates of birth given are copied from *National Historical Magazine* (later called *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*), issue of December 1940, pp. 49-52. Other data are found in Hopewell L. Rogers: *Rogers, Some of the Descendants of Giles Rogers, An Immigrant to Virginia in 1664.*

[16] For most of the information concerning Francis Howard's family credit is given to Harry Howard Martindale, of Vero Beach, Florida.

x. Johnston Howard married Nancy Cowan and had seven children named John T.; William; Hiram; Franklin; Elizabeth; Nancy; and Rebecca Howard.

xi. Nancy Howard m Edward Herndon, son of Larkin Herndon and his first wife Elizabeth Terrell; Larkin Herndon being the eldest son of David Herndon.

#42 ELIZABETH HERNDON [8 Richard Herndon of Caroline County] was born about 1743 probably in Caroline County. She married about 1764 her first cousin MAJOR LEA (b 1741; d 19 November 1843, Powell's Valley, near Cumberland Gap, Tenn., " being over 100 years old "), son of James Lea and his wife Ann Herndon. MAJOR LEA served as a lieutenant during the American Revolution. The record of his service and a detailed compilation of the records of his family are given in Part Seven of *The Herndons of the American Revolution.*

Children of Major Lea and Elizabeth Herndon:

290 HERNDON HAROLD LEA m FRANCES HIGHTOWER
291 MAJOR LEA m RHODA JARNAGIN
292 ABNER LEA m MARY DOBSON
293 SUSANNAH LEA m BENJAMIN JARNAGIN
294 Name in dispute

#43 BENJAMIN HERNDON [8 Richard Herndon of Caroline County] was born about 1748 probably in Caroline County, Va. Our earliest discovered reference to him is dated February 1770 when he purchased some knives and forks at the sale of the personal property belonging to the estate of John Daniel, of Orange County, N. C.[1] We may construe these items as a start in his housekeeping, for he had either then just married or was soon to marry LYDIA MASSEY, a daughter of Abraham Massey and his wife Gwen Lewis. Abraham Massey was a man of position in the community who in later years rendered services (non-military) to the Patriot cause.[2] Gwen (Lewis) Massey was a sister of Enoch Lewis,[3] subsequently mentioned herein.

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[1] *Orange County Inventories and Estate Settlements, 1758-1785*, #73.021, Archives, Raleigh.

[2] He contributed supplies for which he received £5 14s. 0d., specie, and £937, currency certificate, February 1782. *NCRAA, XI*-37-2 and *XI*-43-4.

[3] His Will, dated 28 January 1799, contains, inter alia, devise of 300 acres on Crooked Creek Waters of New Hope Creek to Abner Massey and bequest of £10 to Lydia Herndon.

In May 1778 Benjamin Herndon was appointed by the Orange County Court a member of the road jury " to lay out a road the nearest and best way from the old road at John Barbee's (leading to Newbern) to the said road near Enoch Lewis'." He was at that time " appointed overseer of the road to be laid out from the old road near Enoch Lewis' to James Trice's." At the August 1778 Court it was

> Ordered that the following hands work under BENJAMIN HEARNDON overseer of the road. . .
>
> Saml Linton, Nathan Almond, Enoch Lewis, Wm. Horn, Edward Trice, Abraham Massey, James Massey, Abijah Massey, Joseph Trice, and James Trice, Jr.

In November 1778 the following Minute was adopted by the Court:

> Ordered that Abraham Massey be appointed overseer of the road from[the] Wake [County] Line to James Trices in the room of BENJAMIN HERNDON.

Where Benjamin Herndon and his family lived in the years between his marriage about 1770 and 1778 is indicated by the above-cited assignments, but whether they lived on the lands of Abraham Massey or on the plantation of Benjamin's brother George Herndon on the northeast waters of New Hope Creek is uncertain. We know, however, that Benjamin applied 8 July 1778 for a grant of 616 acres " on the waters of New Hope, called Crooked Creek " and that 13 March 1780 the State of North Carolina granted him that land.[4] On the same day his father-in-law Abraham Massey received a grant of 640 acres " on the waters of New Hope called Crooked Creek . . . beginning at Enoch Lewis corner . . . BENJAMIN HERNDONS line . . . . " BENJAMIN HERNDON and William Horn were chainbearers in this survey.[4a]

BENJAMIN HERNDON served as captain of a company of dragoons in the regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Malmedy.[5] From among the numerous references to the service of this BENJAMIN HERNDON in the North Carolina Archives the following are quoted:

> Certificate 757 State of North Carolina July 2nd 1781 £168
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> As auditors for the said State This is to certifie that BENJAMIN HERNDON exibited his claim to us and is allowed the sum of one hundred and sixty eight pounds.
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> (at) Henderson /s/ John Taylor, A. Ramsey [NCRAA XI–43–4]

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[4] *Orange County Deed Book 2:* 254.

[4a] *Orange County Land Grant* #358.

[5] See Pension File of James Herndon—W: #9479, cited on page 238.

Certificate 794 State of North Carolina Orange County
This is to certify that as Commissioner for the County aforesaid I have purchased from Mr. BENJAMIN HERNDON two bushels and one half of corn and fifteen pounds of bacon at prices ascertained in Spanish Milled dollars by a Resolve of Congress dated the 25th of February 1782 amounting in the whole to four and one Eight and one sixteen Spanish milled dollars agreeable to an Act of the Genrl Assembly in such case and certified this 26th of May 1782.
/s/ Alexr. Mebane C-Comptr.

Certificate 1008 for £22 10s. specie, similar to Certificate 794, was issued to BENJAMIN HERNDON by the *District Auditor's Office at Hillsboro*, Orange County, and was signed by A. Tatum and John Nichols. [NCRAA XI–37–I]

We have found that 25 such NCRAA certificates were issued to Ben or Benjamin Herndon, variously designated as Mr., Lt., Capt., or Major, or without rank specified. Many of these pertain to Benjamin Herndon, of Surry and Wilkes Counties, while those quoted above (and doubtless some others among the 25) were issued to Benjamin Herndon of Orange County. John Taylor who signed the first certificate quoted above was for many years Clerk of the Orange County Court, while John Nichols, whose signature is on the other certificate, was Sheriff of Orange County.

In addition to the grant of 616 acres already mentioned, there was issued 16 July 1795 to Benjamin Herndon in accordance with his application dated 30 October 1786 a Grant for 31 acres adjoining his other lands.[6] The record of the disposal of these 647 acres is presented below.

Benjamin Herndon conveyed to Thomas Marcom, his brother-in-law, 100 acres for £75 17 September 1790.[7] In 1798 he transferred 200 acres and their appurtenances to his son Elias Herndon, the consideration being £20,[8] and conveyed to another son Tapley Herndon 100 acres at a consideration of £25.[9] He found no necessity to give lands to his son William because William's father-in-law, Moses Hutchins, had transferred to him 80 acres.[10] Benjamin Herndon in February 1803 divested himself of title to any real estate except a life interest therein when he gave his remaining 247 acres " for love, good-will and affection which I have and do bear towards my loving son Aquilla Herndon." [11]

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[6] *Orange County Deed Book 5: 287.*

[7] *Orange County Deed Book 4: 300.*

[8] *Orange County Deed Book 8: 295.*

[9] *Ibid.*, 333.

[10] *Orange County Deed Book 7: 85.*

[11] *Orange County Deed Book 10: 362*

The above-mentioned properties were in St. Marks District. There Benjamin Herndon lived all his adult life. In 1779, 1780, and 1782 the assessed value of his property was £1721, £3316, and £280, respectively.

Benjamin Herndon was appointed a juror in November 1782 to serve at the next court and as one of the patrollers for St. Mark's District. In February 1783 he served as a juror in two trials. At the February 1784 term of court a deed from Benjamin Herndon to Jno. Minor was acknowledged and ordered to be registered. The property involved was reconveyed to Benjamin Herndon five years later.[12] It does not appear, however, to be real estate.

In 1800 Benjamin Herndon's family consisted of himself (over 45), his wife (between 26 and 45), a son between 16 and 26 (doubtless Aquilla), and a female between those ages (probably Aquilla's wife). The 1810 census records Benjamin Herndon's family as consisting of himself over 45, one white female over 45 (his wife, Lydia), and one white boy under 10 (probably a visiting grandchild), while the 1820 census omits the wife. So we must conclude that LYDIA (MASSEY) HERNDON died between 1810 and 1820. They had one slave in 1810. Their lands adjoined Ezekiel Trice's.

Benjamin Herndon died in 1823.[13] The Court appointed his son Aquilla Herndon administrator. On 25 March 1825 when he sold the personal effects belonging to his father's estate, the purchasers included the following Herndons: Elias, Tapley, and Aquilla, the decedent's sons, and Augustine, Benjamin, Jr., and Standford, his grandsons.[14] The record also shows that Rhodes Nash Herndon and his father, Zachariah, the latter a nephew of Benjamin's, incurred an expense of 66 cents incident to the sale.

Children of Benjamin Herndon and Lydia Massey:

295 ELIAS HERNDON m MARY HOPSON
296 WILLIAM HERNDON m HANNAH HUTCHINS
297 TAPLEY HERNDON m NELLIE HUTCHINS
298 AQUILLA HERNDON m MARY MOORE

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12 *Orange County Deed Book 4:* 289.

13 *Inventories and Distributions of Estates, Orange County, 1823-26:* 220, Archives, Raleigh.

14 *Ibid.*, 218.

#44 FANNY HERNDON [8 Richard Herndon of Caroline County] was born in Caroline County, Va., about 1754. About 1773 she married THOMAS MARCOM (b 4 January 1752, Caroline County, Va.; d testate, Orange County, N. C., 1838), and lived on lands adjacent to those of her brother BENJAMIN HERNDON which he conveyed to Thomas Marcom in 1790.[1]

The following information concerning the Revolutionary service of her husband is abstracted from pages in his and his widow's Pension File, W-9,540, as is also that of the dates of birth of himself and his children:

> THOMAS MARCOM was drafted in the winter of 1780-81 in Orange County, N. C.; rendezvoused at Hillsboro; marched toward Salisbury, where Captain Elliot took command, serving under Colonel Thomas Farmer and Major Sharpe; marched to Salisbury where he remained to guard the town and to work for the Army as an artificer in the blacksmith's shop. There he remained until the British forces came up from South Carolina across the Catawba towards Salisbury. Then he and those working with him retired to the Yadkin. There he remained until the American forces were collected under General Nathaniel Greene and General Morgan and the British forces under Lord Cornwallis approached.
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> He was in Greene's retreat across North Carolina into Virginia. He reached Prince Edward Courthouse and there resumed working as a blacksmith, with other artificers, under command of Captain Marbury, an officer of the Maryland Line, and Captain William Gamble. There he remained until after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse had been fought when he was discharged.
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> He was among those taken prisoner in the fall or winter of 1781 along with Governor Burke and carried off by the Tories to Hillsboro. He had been drafted to serve 3 months under Captain Phillips, of Wake County. He was marched first to Fayetteville, then to the "Brown Marsh", then to the neighborhood of Wilmington.
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> When a substantial number of American troops had been collected under Generals Greene and Rutherford with the intention of storming the town of Wilmington, if it should be necessary to do so, THOMAS MARCOM was sent to the interior of the country to guard the baggage trains. He was at camp at Tomsons on 17 November 1781 when his term of service expired and he was discharged by Captain Dickerson.
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> Before the capture of Governor Burke THOMAS MARCOM was drafted to guard the town of Hillsboro on more than one occasion.
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> An old soldier named John Daniel filed an affidavit that he personally knew of the services of THOMAS MARCOM during the winter of 1780-81, as claimed.

In addition to the land which BENJAMIN HERNDON sold to him, THOMAS MARCOM received from the State of North Carolina Grant #916, dated 10 July 1788, for 500 acres. Entry therefor was made 14 August 1788:

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[1] *Orange County Deed Book #4:* 300.

On both sides of Crooked Creek, a Branch of New Hope, bounded by the claims of BENJAMIN HERNDON and Paul Castleberry, and including his improvement.

/s/ John Butler, Entry Taker

It was surveyed 11 May 1785 and was described thus:

Bounded on the South Side by land of BENJAMIN HERNDON, North by a claim of Thomas Hall, and on the West by claim of Wm. Horn.
The chain bearers were Nathaniel Almon and Charles Abercrombey.

On 12 January 1809 THOMAS MARCOM conveyed a part of his land holdings to his nephew ELIAS HERNDON.[2]

Children of Thomas Marcom and Fanny Herndon:

299 AMELIA MARCUM (b 27 September 1774: d *ante* 1838) m in Orange County, N. C., 30 May 1793 WILLIAM DODD.
300 ISAIAH MARKHAM m JANE ———.
301 ELISHA MARKHAM m 1st NANCY KIRKHAM; m 2nd SUSANNA WATTS.
302 THOMAS MARKHAN m 1st POLLY BILBO; m 2nd SARAH HUTCHINS.
303 MARY MARKHAM m HENRY SHEPHERD.
304 CELIA MARCUM (b 28 July 1785) m 1st in Orange County, N. C., 18 April 1805 CHAPMAN HOPSON; m 2nd ——— CATES.
305 NANCY MARCUM (b December 1787; d prob. *ante* July 1838), believed to have m ——— CAUDLE and to have had a son, LEWIS CAUDLE.
306 NATHAN MARKHAM m JANE PEARSON.
307 ELIZABETH MARCOM m THOMAS TRICE CARLTON.
308 WILLIAM MARKHAM m ——— ———.
309 EDMUND MARKHAM m NANCY MASON.
310 MARTHA MARCUM (b 9 March 1801) m WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS (b *ca* 1799). They lived in Orange County, N. C., in 1860.
311 FANNY MARCUM (b 29 August 1803; d prob. *ante* July 1838) m 8 May 1824 BRANLEY YATES.

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[2] *Orange County Deed Book #13*: 353.

FIFTH GENERATION

#266 MARY HERNDON and **#267** RUTH HERNDON are named in the Wills of George and Sarah Herndon as their daughters who married men named Roberts. Since JOHN and THOMAS ROBERTS lived on land adjoining that on which Capt. George Herndon lived, we assume that they are the husbands of MARY and RUTH HERNDON; but documentary evidence to prove this assumption—reasonable as it is—has not been discovered. What is of record is that George Herndon left a devise under his Will to his grandson George Roberts, and that Sarah Herndon left a bequest to her daughter RUTH ROBERTS, SR., clearly implying that there was a granddaughter Ruth Roberts, Jr.

The 1790 North Carolina Census lists JOHN ROBERTS as head of a family composed of 5 other males and 7 females, one of whom was doubtless his wife; while in THOMAS ROBERTS' family there were 4 other males and 3 females.

Among the numerous references to Revolutionary War services of persons named JOHN and THOMAS ROBERTS in North Carolina the following are cited from NCRAA:

> JOHN ROBERTS was a member of Ralston's Company—No. 19-278, in *Receipt Book*, 223; he received certificates for £13, principal, and £2 1s., interest and for £9, principal, and £1 10s., interest, in *Vol. VI*: 29-3 and 35-3.
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> THOMAS ROBERTS was also mentioned in No. 19-272; both JOHN and THOMAS ROBERTS in No. 28: 83 and 87, respectively; and THOMAS ROBERTS, alone, in *Vol. III*: 62-3, where he is called Private, and it is stated that his claim for $86.14 was allowed for $84.72, when it was settled at Warrenton, N. C.

It is impossible to certify that these references all apply to one JOHN ROBERTS and one THOMAS ROBERTS, for more than one John Roberts may have served, and it is known that two men named THOMAS ROBERTS were in the 10th N. C. Regiment, one of whom was sergeant major 20 July 1778 and the other a private in Capt. Bradley's Company 2 June 1779. (*Roster of NC Soldiers in the Revolution*)

The State of North Carolina made three grants to THOMAS ROBERTS, each in Wake County. The first two were for 300 and 100 acres, respectively. The entry date was 7 November 1778, the surveys being dated 20 January 1779. For the former, "northeast of New Hope Creek and on the waters of Buck Branch and Great Branch", the chainbearers were GEORGE HERNDON and Wm. Weatherspoon. For the

latter, " near White Lick Branch . . . James Beasley's line ", the chainbearers were GEORGE HERNDON and Christian Pealer. The third grant was for 320 acres " on both sides of the Northeast Creek, including the improvements, whereon JOHN ROBERTS formerly lived, beginning in Jesse George's line . . . George Herndon's line ", dated 28 October 1782, based on a survey made 30 January 1779. The chainbearers were Jesse George and GEORGE HERNDON. The land " whereon JOHN ROBERTS formerly lived " had been granted to him 7 June 1761. It consisted of 120 acres " on the ridge in the fork of Rattlesnake Creek at a white oak in his *former* line." This land was then in Orange County. To JOHN ROBERTS a further grant of 12 acres in Orange County was issued 10 July 1788 " on the north side of N. E. Creek . . . Bennet's corner . . . Barbee's line." [*Land Grant Books #12*: 27; *#38*: 178; *#49*: 263; *#67*: 527, among others] THOMAS ROBERTS was, moreover, named twice as a chainbearer when land was surveyed which was subsequently granted to GEORGE HERNDON, and on one such occasion the other chainbearer was GEORGE HERNDON, JR.

#268 ZACHARIAH HERNDON [40 George] was born about 1756 in Caroline County, Va.,[1] and died in 1834 in Orange County, N. C. He married first in Orange County 28 June 1789 Amelia (" Millie ") Rhodes, one of the daughters of William and Mary Rhodes.[2] She died *post* 1820. He married secondly, also in Orange County, 18 March 1824 Mrs. Lydia (Simms) Clifton, widow of Berry Clifton.[3] She died between 1835 and 1841.

The 1790 Census lists Zachariah Herndon as head of a family in St. Mark District, Orange County, N. C., owning 1 slave, 350 acres, and one of the four carriages in that District. Ten years later Zachariah and Amelia had four sons and one daughter, all under 10 years of age, and 8 slaves. In 1810 Zachariah owned 25 slaves. The 1820 Census recorded

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[1] The 1880 Federal Census of Orange County, N. C., p. 194, records that Bartlett [H] Herndon's father [Zachariah] was born in Virginia. In E. H. W. Wood and L. B. Nesbitt: *The Herndon-Hunt and Allied Families*, Bynum Printing Co., Raleigh, 1930, it is stated (p. 17) that Zachariah, the eldest son of George Herndon, was born near Fredericksburg, Va., and that George Herndon left Virginia when his son Zachariah was 10 years old. That statement is in accord with all the known facts pertaining to the early life of Zachariah Herndon.

[2] The Will of William Rhodes, *infra* 265, names a daughter Amelia Herndon. The marriage bond of Zachariah Herndon and Milley Rhodes was dated 28 June 1789 but, as previously explained, the date of the bond is regularly used herein as the date of marriage, unless a different date is of record.

[3] The marriage bond gives her name as Lydia Clifton. For more information concerning her see *infra* 231.

that he had 36 slaves. Listed on the same page with him were Elias, Benjamin, Tapley, Polly (Lewis' widow), and James as heads of other Herndon families. In the 1830 Census Zachariah's 23 slaves were topped by his brother Edmund's 30.

In 1780 Zachariah Herndon served as lieutenant in a company of dragoons commanded by his uncle Captain Benjamin Herndon, in Colonel Malmedy's North Carolina Regiment.[4] For certain of his services during the American Revolution there was issued to him on 2 March 1782 by Tatum and Nichols of the District Auditor's Office at Hillsboro Certificate #1101 for £12, principal, and £1 3s. 6d., interest.[5]

In the Minutes of the Orange County Court of November 1783 it was recorded that Henry McCoy, who had been deeded certain property by John Trice, acknowledged his deed to Zachariah Herndon who asked to have it registered.[6] It was so ordered, but Zachariah seems to have not had it recorded a second time in the Deed books at Hillsboro. The same is true of the two gifts from George Herndon to Zachariah, one of 350 acres before 1785 and the other of 50 acres by 1790 heretofore mentioned.[7] Zachariah built up his estate by purchases of adjacent lands when available and never selling any. He increased his acreage by acquisitions from William Holden in 1805, Charles Kennon and Jacob Devlin in 1808, and from William Holloway in 1832. Shortly before his death he deeded to his sons Rhodes Nash Herndon, of Granville County, and Zachariah Herndon, Jr., of Warren County, a part of his land which was adjoining Edmund Herndon's on the road to Chapel Hill. To that deed Bartlett H. Herndon, another of Zachariah, Sr's, sons was a witness.[8]

The following excerpts from a letter from Dr. Henry Clay Herndon, of Oxford, N. C., another of Zachariah's sons, to Thomas Hall Herndon, of Washington, D. C., dated 22 August 1889,[9] give an interesting word picture of Zachariah Herndon:

> My father and mother both died when I was a boy . . . . One of my sisters married a Mr. Burnett, of Chatham County, N. C., and one of their sons and a daughter now live in this county (Granville) about five miles from Oxford . . . . My father and his brother Edmond lived in Orange County—now Durham County.

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[4] For record of this rank and service see *infra* 239.

[5] NCRAA, I-51-2.

[6] Abstract reads, "Deed from John Trice to Henry McCoy . . . Deed from Henry McCoy to Zackeriah Herndon . . . Ackd and Regd."

[7] *Supra* 206.

[8] *Orange County Deed Books #12:* 355; *#13:* 173, 212; *#25:* 302, and *#26:* 67.

[9] JGH now has a typewritten copy given him by his uncle, Thomas Hall Herndon.

Their plantations joined. They lived on the road leading from Raleigh to Chapel Hill, and were the most prominent men in the whole surrounding country. They lived in large frame house—and they were painted, a rare thing in those days. My uncle's house was painted white and my father's red, and were spoken of in all that section as the 'white house' and the 'red house.'

In addition to my father's farming operations he had a store near his home at which his sons got a business training as they grew up. He also had a cotton gin, a blacksmith's shop, and a stud horse, the latter a big thing in those days. Herndonsville was the name of his place.[10] Public gatherings were held there, public speaking, elections, etc.

In 1837 the last of the two families left the old neighborhood. My uncle's children went to Fayette County in West Tennessee. My father's children came to Oxford. The two oldest sons had been living here for several years previous to that time, and were merchants. . . .

My father Zachariah Herndon had a craze for naming his sons for prominent men: Rhodes Nash, for Judge Nash, of North Carolina; John Randolph, for John Randolph, of Virginia; Duncan Cameron for Judge Cameron of N. C.; William Gaston for Judge Gaston, of N. C.; Stephen Girard for the Philadelphia philanthropist; my name Henry Clay for the noted statesman of Kentucky.

A handsome oil portrait of Zachariah Herndon was still hanging on the wall of the main dining room of the old Herndon home in Oxford when the compiler of this genealogy saw it in 1937.[11]

Zachariah Herndon was a very active, enterprising, and successful business man and public-minded citizen who was repeatedly mentioned in the newspapers and official records of Orange County. In addition to what has already been said about him the following are illustrations of his various activities, abstracted from the sources indicated.

He served as a juror in various Orange County courts in August 1786, November 1787, February 1788, May 1792, November 1793, May and November 1794, February 1795, August 1796, November 1800, and August 1803.

In May 1789 he was appointed "Overseer of the road from Wake County Line to the Muster Ground, in the room of John Marion", and served in that capacity one year, when he was succeeded by Joseph Bennett. This was the same road for which his father George Herndon served as overseer, beginning in May 1777.

Zachariah Herndon was frequently a witness to deeds.

Three times his name appears in lawsuits (as distinct from equity cases). Each time he was the successful plaintiff, winning verdicts for

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10 One reference to the balloting there is cited *infra* 228.

11 This magnificent property, known as Herndon Place, passed into the possession of Zachariah Herndon's grandson William Henry Hunt in 1911. The latter's widow had a life interest in this estate. Soon after her death the town of Oxford, N. C., acquired it for about $100,000 in 1949.

various sums from these defendants: Reuben Westmoreland, February 1792, £135 8s. 6d, and costs; George Carrington, February 1808, £3 4s., and costs; and Enos Jordan, 24 August 1824, amount not stated in the Minutes. He was one of the defendants in a suit to distribute the estate of William Rhodes, Sr., deceased, in 1823 and one of the defendants in a suit by the State of North Carolina on a petition for a new road, in November 1833, the last time during his lifetime his name appeared in the Orange County Court Minutes. His participation in the estate matters of his family connection was substantial. He served as one of the executors of the estates of both his father and mother, in 1796 and 1802, respectively, and of his brother-in-law John Barbee in 1818. He served as administrator of the estates of his son Pleasant Herndon in 1816/7 and his brother-in-law William Rhodes in 1820, and also in 1820 on Benjamin Rhodes (who may or may not have been his brother-in-law) who married Elizabeth Cabe. In November 1794 he and Joseph Barbee were bondsmen for Goin Barbee, guardian to Christopher Barbee. At the August 1805 term of Court the following Minute was adopted:

> Zachariah Herndon, Edmund Herndon, and Page Patterson are appointed commissioners to divide and allott the personal Estate of Thomas Trice, according to his last will and testament, and make report.

On 3 March 1798 Zachariah Herndon, Page Patterson, William Rhodes, and Ezekiel Trice were " appointed a patrol in and for Captain Rhodes' company." A year later it was Captain Herndon's company. By 1812 he was mentioned as Major Herndon [12] and later in the following official notice which appeared in the *Hillsborough Recorder*, issue of 18 June 1823:

> Notice of Tax Collections
> At Maj. Z. Herndon's on Thurs. 31st.
> June 10, 1823 Thos. D. Watts, Sheriff

On the fourth Monday in February 1803 Zachariah Herndon qualified as Justice of the Peace. From 1808 on he was often mentioned as Presiding Justice of the Orange County Court. One of his special assignments as a Justice of the Court, first in May 1803 and for 20 or more years thereafter, was to " secure the list of taxables in St. Mark's District."

An illustration of another of Zachariah Herndon's activities and interests is found in the *Hillsborough Recorder*, issue of 19 November 1828.

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[12] *Raleigh Star*, Friday, 21 February 1812.

Votes cast in Presidential Election at Herndon's	Jackson	86
	Adams	12
Total in Orange	Jackson	1036
	Adams	440

Zachariah Herndon died intestate in 1834. At the November 1834 term of court Henderson Owen was appointed administrator of Zachariah Herndon's estate. He gave bond in the sum of $25,000 with Wm. R. Herndon, James Trice, Zachariah Trice, and Chesley George, securities. There was then inserted in the *Hillsborough Recorder* of Friday 28 November 1834 an Administrator's Notice, dated the 25th, reading:

> On the 5th day of Dec. next, I shall proceed to sell, at the late residence of Zachariah Herndon, deceased, on a credit of 12 months, all his perishable property, among which are a a fine stock of Horses, Cattle, and Hogs; Corn, Wheat, Oats, and Fodder; a Road Wagon, Gigg, etc.
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> Bond with approved security will be required.
>
> Henderson Owen, Admr.

On 14 March 1835 Henderson Owen reported to the Court that he had sold negroes belonging to the estate of Zachariah Herndon to the following persons: Thomas Bilbo, R[hodes] N[ash] Herndon, John T. Shaw, C[ynthia] R. Herndon, B[artlett] H[enry] Herndon, Lydia Herndon, Zachariah Herndon [Jr.], Stephen Moore, Lewis Herndon, William R[hodes] Herndon, S. Mitchell, John Locheart, and William F. Struderwick.[13]

That same week there was filed in the Court of Equity for Orange county a Petition of certain of the heirs against the other heirs of Zachariah Herndon which recited:

> That at the time of his death he was seized and possessed of a very large real estate lying in part in the County of Orange and part in the County of Wake, consisting of several tracts of very unequal value and amounting in all to one thousand, five hundred acres or thereabouts:
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> That one of these tracts lying in Orange was that on which he had his Mansion House and improvements of much value and that the said Mansion Place hath been allotted and laid off as Dower to the widow of the said Zachariah Herndon:
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> They further show to your Honor that owing to the inequality in the value of the different tracts and the great number of persons among whom the same is divisible, that a *partition* is impracticable without great injury to the persons interested.

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[13] *Inventories and Distributions of Estates, Orange County, 1834-1836:* 203.

The result of the filing of the Petition was the issuance of a subpoena to the defendants to " appear personally before his Honor the Judge of the next Superior Court of Law and Equity . . . on the second Monday of September next . . . all manner of business and excuse ceasing . . . under penalty of one hundred pounds."

The case was designated as " J. R. Herndon and others vs. R. N. Herndon and others . . . Petition to sell Lands . . . To Septr. Term 1835 " and the Court noted:

" Service accepted by us, who consent to a decree of sale:

R. N. Herndon
J. W. E. Farrar
Z. Herndon
A. B. Farrar

Waddell, Solr."

The recital of the names of the parties to this suit as given in full in the body of the Petition is of great genealogical value. It goes thus: John R[andolph] Herndon, Duncan C[ameron] Herndon, Cynthia R[hodes] Herndon, Bartlet H[enry] Herndon, Eliza J[ane] Herndon; the infant children of Mary (Herndon) Burnett, deceased, who appear by their father and next friend, Fearington Burnett; and the infant children of the late Zachariah Herndon, decd., to wit: Sylvia, Henry Clay, Elizabeth, [William] Gaston, and Stephen Girard Herndon, who appear by their guardian and next friend, Chesley George, against Rhodes N[ash] Herndon, Zachariah Herndon [jr], Alexander J. Farrar and wife Amelia. The full names of the last two respondents were Alexander Jefferson W. E. Farrar and Amelia (Herndon) Farrar. It will be noted that they signed the service of the subpoena as J. W. E. and A. B. Farrar.

After the ordered sale of the properties had been made, Chesley P. George, guardian for the younger children of Zachariah Herndon, filed the following affidavit with the Court 19 March 1836:

> Chesley P. George maketh oath that the tracts of land called the Homestead Tract, the Renchor Tract, and Jordan Tract which were recently sold by the Master of this Court Esq., the order heretofore made in the case ' Herndon heirs vs. Herndon' for the sale of Real Estate, were sold at sums below their value and as guardian of some of the heirs of Zachariah Herndon he beleaves (sic) that a re-opening of the bids in said sale is necessary to do justice to the estate of his wards.

In the Hillsborough Recorder, issue of 8 April 1836, the following advertisement by James Webb, Clerk and Master of the Court:

Orange County:

By virtue of a decree of the Court of Equity in the case of the heirs of Zachariah Herndon, deceased, on a petition to sell real estate, made at March term, 1836, I shall proceed to sell, to the highest bidder, before the Court House door in the Town of Hillsborough on Monday the 23rd day of May next, being the first day of Orange County Court, on a credit of one and two years, the following tracts of land:

The Homestead or Mansion House Tract
The Rencher Tract, and The Jordan Tract.

James Webb.

Sale was made of the lands to Edmund Herndon, Zachariah's brother, and a deed thereto was issued by James Webb to him 27 November 1838.[14] The first phase of this case closed at the March term of Court, 1839, when a distribution of the net proceeds of the sale was ordered to be paid to each of the 13 surviving children of Zachariah and a like amount to the heirs of his deceased daughter Mary whose husband was Fearington Burnett. The final decree read, in part, as follows:

It is further ordered, adjusted and decreed that the said moneys shall be paid by the Master to said heirs upon the execution of receipts for the same by such as are of full age, and as they be femes covert in which event and also in regard to such of the heirs as are minors, the Master shall have their shares " So invested that the same shall be effectually secured to them on discounture or coming of ages as to their *real representative*" agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such case made.

The second phase of the case may be said to have started when Chesley P. George signed the Petition as guardian of the minor children of Zachariah which alleged that too great a part of the lands were being set apart for the benefit of Lydia Herndon, the widow, who was the mother of his wards, plus his action in questioning the integrity of the administrators in selling the three named tracts. As the Petition of 1835 refers to the widow of Zachariah, Lydia Herndon must have died between then and March 1841 when the Court appointed Thomas W. Holden " administrator *de bonis non* of Lydia Herndon with the Will attached."[15]

At the November 1837 term of the Orange County Court the following Order was minuted:

Ordered that Chesley P. George heretofore appointed guardian to Sylvinia, Henry C., William G., Stephen G., and Elizabeth Y. Herndon, orphan Children of Zachariah Herndon decd be removed from his Guardianship. Whereupon Rhodes N. Herndon is appointed Guardian to Henry C, William G & Stephen G. Herndon he having entered into bond in Granville County & that he now remove the said children to Granville.

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[14] *Orange County Deed Book #28:* 458.

[15] *Raleigh Register,* 1 April 1841, and *Hillsboro Recorder,* 11 March 1841.

At the February 1839 term of that Court the following Minute was recorded:

> Joseph L. Moring Guardian to Elizabeth & Sylvinia Herndon comes into Court & resigns his guardianship. Whereupon Rhodes N. Herndon is appointed guardian for Elizabeth Herndon and enters into bond with John R. Herndon & Duncan C. Herndon; and David George is appointed guardian to Sylvinia Herndon his wife and enters into bond with Chesley P. George, Zachariah Trice & Ezekiel George.

At the May 1852 Court Rhodes Nash Herndon reported that he had distributed since 25 August 1842 to each of his four wards and to David George in right of his wife, the former Sylvinia Herndon, the sum of $820.83. The Court directed him to continue his guardianship. "Trusteeship" was the word probably intended, for by the date of that Court, May 1852, four of the five distributees were 21 years of age or older. As the administrator then reported payment of "legacies" to four other heirs of Lydia Herndon, namely: G. W. Blick, Eliza Blick, Marion Clifton, and John Hayes, it is to be regretted that the Will was not recorded. It seems likely that it was submitted in evidence in an appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court by Rhodes N. Herndon.[16] It has not been preserved in the Archives at Raleigh among the original Wills which were formerly in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Zachariah Herndon's widow, Lydia, had married first Berry Clifton 25 February 1814 in Wake County when she was Lydia Simms. They became the parents of two or three children. One was Ann Eliza Clifton who married in Wake County 10 August 1834 Robert Blick, of Petersburg, Va.[17] Another was Marion Clifton. Whether John Hayes was a son-in-law of Lydia's has not been determined. G. W. Blick, mentioned in the lost Will, was doubtless a son of Robert and Eliza (Clifton) Blick.

Children of Zachariah Herndon and Amelia Rhodes:

1088 A son, concerning whom our only knowledge is obtained from the following notice, which appeared in the issue of 21 February 1812 of the *Raleigh Star*:

> On Wednesday last as a son of Major Herndon of Orange was returning home from this city with a waggon the horses ran away, and Mr. Herndon, whom the driver says was asleep in the waggon, fell through the wreck and was killed by one of the wheels striking him.

1089 PLEASANT HENDERSON HERNDON, concerning whom our only knowledge is obtained from the following notices, the first being in the issue of 31 March 1815 of the *Raleigh Register*:

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[16] *Inventories and Distributions of Estates, Orange County, 1849-1852*: 464.

[17] *Raleigh Register*, 12 August 1834.

Died at Norfolk a few days ago, Pleasant Herndon, quartermaster of the Second Regiment of N. Carolina Militia. Mr. Herndon was a native of Orange County, and universally esteemed by all who knew him.

The second is an inventory filed by his father Zachariah as administrator of the estate of Pleasant H. Herndon. His holdings were a trunk of clothing, pocketbook, account book, saddle, blanket, and dagger.[18]

1090 Rhodes Nash Herndon (b ca 1795, Orange County, N. C.; d testate, 1863, Oxford, N. C.), unm. He was a wealthy and public-spirited citizen;[19] a friend of the Baptists, although not a member, who gave to them their first house of worship in Oxford; was first postmaster of Oxford from 12 April 1816 to 1 September 1819; was Oxford's merchant prince for many years; appointed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1825 a commissioner of Oxford when the town was reincorporated, later served again in a like capacity; began his store in 1819 with W. M. Sneed as partner, but purchased his partner's interest the next year for $1025, and then chose his brother Duncan Cameron Herndon as his partner; their store burned about 1858. He is thus described by a young man who knew him when Mr. Herndon was elderly:

> Rhodes Herndon was a notable figure, fully six feet tall, always neatly groomed, wore a stovepipe hat and a long, black Prince Albert coat encircling his slender body, his left hand always carried in the breast of it. He was as straight as an arrow, and had a very sparse snow-white chin beard.

Another, who as a schoolboy first knew him, has written:

> Rhodes Herndon was the wealthy merchant of the town, who filled a large space in the public eye and was a catch much coveted by the pretty girls. But he never came into their parlor.

It has been assumed but not actually proved that it was he who built the Herndon Mansion House which with its adjoining property was acquired in June 1949 by a group of citizens who arranged to offer it to the City of Oxford as a municipal center. But the evidence is strong that Rhodes Nash Herndon was responsible for it, for in the Will of his brother Duncan Cameron Herndon is this stipulation and grant:

> To my brother William G. Herndon . . . my residence in Oxford. My deceased brother Rhodes N. Herndon desired, as I do also, that this property remain undivided in the family as long as practical.

Rhodes Nash Herndon's Will, dated 3 January 1863 and proved at the February 1863 term of Court[20] was, like the rest of those of his nearest kinsfolk, a model in specifying family relationship. A brief synopsis of it follows:

> To my niece Ella R. Devin $5,000
> To my nephew Atlas Burnett $3,000
> To my nephew Zachariah Burnett $3,000

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18 *Inventories and Distributions of Estates, Orange County, 1816-1819:* Part II, 62-63, May term of Court 1818.

19 This detailed account is prepared from the article entitled, "Who Rhodes N. Herndon Was," written by Francis B. Hays and published in *Oxford Public Ledger*, issue of Friday, 1 October 1948, a copy of which was furnished JGH by Edna Hilliard White (Mrs. J. Robert) Wood, of Oxford, N. C.

20 *Granville County Will Book #21: 667.*

To my great-nephew Robert Longmire $1500
To my niece Ianna, wife of James P. Montague $3,000
To my great-niece Emma R. Burnett, daughter of Addison Burnett, deceased, $5,000
To the other children of Addison Burnett, deceased, $2,000
The rest of my estate to be divided as follows:
One fifth to my brother John R. Herndon
One fifth to my brother Duncan C. Herndon
One fifth to my half-brother Henry C. Herndon
One tenth to my brother Bartlett H. Herndon
One tenth to my half-brother William G. Herndon
Ont tenth to my half-sister Sylvinia George
One tenth to my half-sister Elizabeth, wife of David Hunt.

In 1860 Rhodes Nash Herndon listed himself as a farmer with real estate worth $40,000 and personal property valued at $111,000, and owner of 26 slaves.

1091 MARY (" Polly ") HERNDON (b ca 1797; d ante 1835) m in Orange County 19 December 1814 FEARRINGTON BURNETT, of Chatham County, and had the following issue:

(1) Martha A. Burnett m in Granville County 17 June 1842 Samuel H. Longmire (d 1845), and had issue, a son Robert Longmire.
(2) Addison R. Burnett m in Granville County 12 July 1842 Mildred A. F. Philpott, and had 3 sons and 4 daughters.
(3) Atlas Burnett, living 1863.
(4) Zachariah Herndon Burnett m in Granville County 11 March 1845 Martha Jane Garrett, had issue, in 1860, 4 sons and 4 daughters.
(5) Ianna E. Burnett m in Granville County 6 March 1849 (date of bond) or 6 March 1855 (reported as date of marriage by Rev. R. I. Devin) Reverend James P. Montague.

1092 ZACHARIAH HERNDON (b 1799, Orange County, N. C.; d 7 April 1863, Williamsburg, Va.) was in Warren County, N. C., in the early 1830's; is mentioned as trading with Rhodes Nash Herndon, of Granville County under the firm name of Zachariah Herndon and Company; as living in Warrenton, 1845; as purchasing a lot between Main and Front Streets for $75 and another on Main Street for $90.[21] He was described in a Warren County Deed as living in Alabama in 1846 when he furnished a power of attorney to his brother Rhodes Nash Herndon.[22] The name of the wife of Zachariah Herndon has not been ascertained from a documentary source, but it is believed thatt she was a Miss DILLIARD or DILLARD, for Gaston Dilliard, of Sumpter County, Alabama, was appointed in November 1837 guardian to Martha Dilliard, of that County, an infant daughter of William Dilliard, of Orange County, N. C., and a neighbor of the Herndons. (That William Dilliard m Lydia—(d 1831) leaving four daughters under age in 1831: Eliza, Caroline, Martha, and Mary Jane. The last three of these were also under age in 1834, and Martha still so in 1837).

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[21] *Warren County Deed Books #27:* 113, 193, and 266 and *#31:* 33.

[22] *Warren County Deed Book #29:* 340, 388.

Zachariah and his wife had one son known to the compiler, possibly among other children:

(1) Dillard J. Herndon, who died intestate *ante* 1880, owning lands in Lee County, Mississippi, leaving 3 sons and 1 daughter.[23] These were George R. Herndon who m 1874 M. A. Jenkins; Zachariah Allen Herndon who m fist Jennie ———, m. 2ndly 1875 Indiana McWilliams or India McMillian, m 3dly Mrs. Ella Fry, m 4thly Emma Trevitt Fry; Andrew Dillard Herndon who m 1st 1880 Henrietta Merritt, m 2ndly 1891 her sister Willie Merritt; and Sarah Jane Herndon who m Joe D. Conwell.

1093 JOHN RANDOLPH HERNDON (b 1802, Orange County, N. C.; d 27 April 1865) was a successful and prosperous physician of Oxford. He had his half-brother Henry Clay Herndon begin his practice as a physician as his associate. John Randolph Herndon m at Harvey's Neck, Perquimans County, N. C., 9 November 1830 SARAH MARTHA SKINNER (d at Union Hall, Perquimans County, N. C. 25 February 1836, aged 26), daughter of Charles W. Skinner. By the terms of his Will,[24] dated 15 April 1865 and proved the following February, he left to his grandson, Charles S. Herndon, son of his deceased son of the same name, land in Columbia County, Florida, which he had purchased of George M. Cline; and other bequests to his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Easton, and his half-brother, Dr. H. C. Herndon, and designated the last named and his brother Duncan Cameron Herndon executors. John R. and Sarah Herndon had issue:

(1) Rhodes Mangum (b 1831, Edenton, N. C.; d 1834)

(2) Charles Skinner Herndon (b 12 January 1833, Edenton; killed, Battle of New Hope Church, Ga., 28 May 1864, CSA) m in Granville County 1856 Martha ("Pattie") P. Easton, daughter of John S. Easton; had issue, 1 son, Charles Skinner Herndon.

(3) Sarah Skinner Herndon (b 5 February 1836, Union Hall, N. C.) m 2 July 1854 Henry P. Easton, and had issue, 4 sons and 3 daughters.

1094 AMELIA B[AKER?] HERNDON (b *ca* 1804) m in Orange County 2 January 1828 ALEXANDER JEFFERSON W. E. FARRAR, of Wake County. It is not known whether they had issue. The Farrars were respondents in the suit brought by certain heirs of Amelia's father already mentioned. When the suit was over, her brothers Rhodes Nash Herndon and Duncan Cameron Herndon entered into bond with the Master in Equity, James Webb, for the faithful payment to her and her husband of the share of the settlement to which they were entitled.

1095 CYNTHIA RHODES HERNDON (b *ca* 1807) m in Granville County 26 January 1848 Reverend Robert I. Devin, of Virginia, founder of the Oxford Baptist Church, as his first wife, and had issue, 1 daughter.

(1) Ella R. Devin (b 1852) m 17 December 1872 Dr. Adoniram Judson Dalby (b 1844), of Durham township, and had issue, 1 son.

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[23] Much of the information as to descendants of Dillard J. Herndon was contributed by his granddaughter Mattie Pearl Herndon (Mrs. George W.) Austin, formerly Dean at the Oklahoma College for Women, Chichasha, Okla., in letters written 20 May 1937 to JGH and in September 1951 to Ruth Herndon (Mrs. C. W.) Shields, of Chapel Hill, N. C.

[24] *Granville County Will Book #22*: 409.

Rev. Robert I. Devin m secondly Mary Transou, of Winston-Salem, and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.

1096 DUNCAN CAMERON HERNDON (b 1810) died unm., testate 1872. His Will,[25] dated 13 June 1870 and probated by the executors named, Henry C. and William G. Herndon, left bequests to his brother, Bartlett Herndon, his half-brothers, Henry C. and William G. Herndon, his half-sister, Elizabeth Hunt, wife of David A. Hunt, his nephew, Zachariah Burnett, his niece, Mrs. Sallie Easton, his niece, Ella Devin. The properties conveyed are described as his "residence in Oxford", "mill and mill property", "Harrisburg tract which I purchased of Mrs. Elizabeth Ridley", "Ferry tract of 350 acres on Hatches River", "67 acre tract on the Savannah River in Georgia, adjoining a tract belonging to the estate of my deceased brother Rhodes N. Herndon", and "Hester tract of 639 acres on Burnetts Creek."

1097 BARTLETT HENRY HERNDON (b 1812; d testate 1889, Patterson township, Durham County, N. C.) married 1st 27 April 1853 his first cousin, TERMINIA (HERNDON) BOOTH, daughter of James Herndon and his wife Mary Maxwell Dixon, and widow of Dr. Jesse Dixon Booth. There was no issue of that marriage. He married 2ndly 23 December 1858 MARTHA A. COOK (b 1836; living 1889). Bartlett H. Herndon was blind when the Census of 1860 and the later Censuses of 1870 and 1880 were taken. Under the Will of his brother Duncan C. Herndon he received the interest on $10,000 during the rest of his life. Under the Will of Roland A. Cook, dated December 1880, and proved 1 March 1887 in Orange County, there were given "to Bartlett Herndon all notes and accounts I hold against him." By his own Will,[26] dated 6 September 1883 and proved 4 November 1889, he left bequests to his wife, and their daughter Amelia Rhodes Herndon and their sons, Zachariah Henry Herndon, Robado Fisher Herndon, and Duncan Cameron Herndon. Witnesses were Coslett M. Herndon, Sr., and Giles P. Herndon. Bartlett and Martha Herndon had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters:

(1) Martha J. ("Mattie") Herndon (b September 1859) m 3 January 1878 J. R. McClaine, of Wake County, N. C.

(2) Anna J. Herndon (b 1861) m 27 February 1878 Adolphus P. Barbee, aged 21; no issue.

(3) Amelia Rhodes Herndon (b 1863) married late E. Johnson; no issue.

(4) Zachariah Henry Herndon (b 1865) m 1st 23 December 1890 Sarah Jane Hopson (b 1873), and had 1 son and 1 daughter; m 2ndly 6 January 1904 Mattie Hopson and 3rd 28 November 1905 a Miss Rigsbee.

(5) Robado Fisher Herndon (b 7 November 1867; d 13 January 1935), a farmer who lived near Durham, m 15 January 1890 Elizabeth Hopson (b 20 May 1865; d 23 September 1948), daughter of Thomas Brinckley Hopson and his wife Caroline Green; had issue, 1 son and 5 daughters.

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[25] *Granville County Will Book #23: 59.*

[26] *Durham County Will Book A: 157.*

(6) Duncan Cameron Herndon (b 1870; d ante 1940) m 1st 17 December 1893 Stella B. Mason, (b 1874, d 12 January 1933), daughter of Hiram Mason and his wife Elizabeth Sears; had issue, 1 son; m 2ndly 6 October 1915 Mary Lee Morgan (d 20 February 1944, Carpenter, N. C.), and had issue, 1 daughter.

(7) Cynthia Herndon (b 1874) m Frank Wicker, of Colon, N. C., and had issue, 2 daughters.

1098 ELIZA JANE HERNDON, died unm., 16 September 1852 in Oxford, N. C.

Children of Zachariah Herndon and Lydia Simms:

1099 SYLVINIA HERNDON (b 1825) married, at the age of 12 years, 11 December 1837 DAVID GEORGE, of Orange County, N. C., son of David George and Betsey Trice. After the death of her husband she made her home in Granville County, about five miles from Oxford. David and Sylvinia George had issue, 1 son and 4 daughters:

(1) Xenobia N. A. Helen George, called Helen, (b 5 March 1840, Orange County; d 29 April 1876, Granville County, N. C.) m at Oxford 22 May 1861 James Thomas Hunt (b 16 July 1833; d 4 November 79), son of John Penn Hunt and Sarah Longmire. He was a merchant operating stores at Oxford, Tallyho, Townsville, Kittrell, and Durham. Issue, 2 daughters.

(2) Quintelia ("Telia") W. George, (b 25 February 1843; d 12 March 1886) m 27 July 1876, as his second wife, Charles Milton Herndon, of Durham, who was her second cousin. He was a son of Coslett Maxwell Herndon, son of James Herndon #269, *q. v.* for further record.

(3) Caroline N. George (b 18 June 1844), d unm.

(4) Mary Elizabeth George (b 21 May 1850) m Howard Dorsey and had 5 sons and 2 daughters.

(5) Rhodes Herndon George (b 27 November 1854; d 12 May 1855).

1100 HENRY CLAY HERNDON (b 1827, Orange County, N. C.; d testate 1911, Oxford), graduated in medicine, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, but later gave up the practice of medicine for a business career in which he became highly successful; was for many years president of the Oxford National Bank; in 1882 he had built the brick building on Main Street, opposite the present Baptist Church, in which he opened that first Oxford bank; five years later he built four modern business properties in the heart of down-town Oxford where now stand Penney's, Fox's, the Oxford National Bank, Liggett's Drugstore, and the five stores on the West side of College Street next to Hillsboro Street, and four other stores on the opposite side of Hillsboro Street; in 1889 he wrote the letter quoted in part at the beginning of this sketch; in 1894 he sold to the Episcopal Church the land on which its present church edifice stands, it being a part of the lands he had inherited from his half-brother Rhodes Nash Herndon. His Will [27] contained detailed bequests:

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[27] Dated 17 October 1910, proved 5 May 1911, recorded in *Granville County Will Book #25:* 473.

To my nephew W. H. Hunt my residence;
To my sister Elizabeth Hunt $5,000 in trust, and at her death to her son W. H. Hunt;
To my great-niece Anna Parham $2,000 in trust, and at her death to be divided among her children;
To my grand-nephew Charles S. Easton, $2,500;
To my great-nephew Cam(eron) H(erndon) Easton $2,500;
To my nephew D. C. Hunt $2,500;
To my niece Flora Hunt $500;
To my niece Ella Dalby $1,000;
To my great-niece, Mrs. Kate White $500;
To the four children of my departed nephew (Zachariah) Herndon Hunt and his wife Cary $500, each;
To the four children of my departed niece Telia Herndon and her husband C(harles) M(ilton) Herndon $500, each;
To my grand-nephew John R. Herndon, of Lake City, Fla., $500;
To Georgie Pool, $1,000 and my house furnishings;
To my nephew W. H. Hunt, my executor, all the rest of my estate.
To Elizabeth Young and her three children, William, George, and Georgie a $6,000 insurance policy with the Life Insurance Company at Richmond, Va., dated 4 September 1875; but Elizabeth Young and her son William have since died, so the proceeds are to go to her surviving heirs.

1101 William Gaston Herndon (b 1830, Orange County, N. C.) removed to Atlanta, Ga., where he was living as early as 1872 when he returned to Oxford to serve as an executor of the estate of his half-brother Duncan Cameron Herndon; had extensive real estate interests in Atlanta where he died, unm., leaving a Will, dated 27 January 1910, and recorded in Granville County Will Book #25, p 445, 6 December 1910. It it he made several small gifts to servants and friends (who had been especially loyal to him in his long final illness) and the following family bequests:
To my grandnephew John R. Herndon, of Lake City, Fla., $4,000;
To my nephew Cam(eron) H. Easton, of Oxford, N. C., $3,000;
To my grandnephew Scott Hunt and my grandniece Elizabeth Hunt, children of (Zachariah) Herndon Hunt and Carry Parker, $1,000, each;
To my niece Flora Hunt, of Oxford, $1,000;
To my grandnephew Charles S. Easton, of Oxford, $2,000;
To my niece Mary Hunt Parker, $5,000 and all my family jewelry of every description;
To my niece Anna Parham, mother of Maude C. Parham, $2,000;
To my great grandniece Maude C. Parham, of Oxford, $4,000;
To my great grandniece Katie White, of Oxford, $3,000;
To my grandniece Ida White, $3,000;
To my nephew D. C. Hunt, of Oxford, $2,000;
Among all the above-named kinsfolk, the balance of my estate is to be distributed.

1102 Elizabeth Yancey Herndon (b 1831; died testate[28] 15 March 1915, Ox-

[28] Her Will was made the day of her death and probated 5 June 1915, and recorded in *Granville County Will Book #26:* 88.

ford, N. C.) m 19 March 1852 DAVID ALEXANDER HUNT (b 10 January 1831; d 12 December 1891), son of John Penn Hunt and Sarah Longmire; had issue:

(1) Mary Hunt (b 1853) m Samuel W. Parker; no issue;
(2) Flora (b 1855), d unm., 1927;
(4) Zachariah Herndon Hunt (b 1859) m Cary Parker, and had issue, 3 sons and 1 daughter;
(3) Rhodes Hunt (b 1857; d ante 1860);
(5) Sarah Longmire Hunt m John C. Davis and had issue, 1 son:
(6) David Cameron Hunt, for many years clerk of the Granville County Court, m 1st Agnes Faucett, and 2nd Minnie Adams; had issue.
(7) William Henry Hunt, president of the Oxford National Bank, after retirement of his uncle, Henry C. Herndon, who left him the valuable Herndon residence. As a young man he served in Co. C, Eleventh N. C. Regiment, CSA. He married Janie Outlaw, daughter of Capt. Ralph Outlaw and his wife Lucy Rascoe, of Bertie County, and had issue, 3 sons and 1 daughter.

1103 STEPHEN GIRARD HERNDON (b 1833, d testate 1859, unm.). In his Will[29] he left bequests to Augustus Landis "my friend and partner in business" and my nieces, Helen George, Quintelia George, Caroline N. George, and Elizabeth George, and named Henry C. Herndon, executor.

#269 JAMES HERNDON [40 George] was born in 1757 in that part of Orange County, N. C., which later became Wake County, for in his application for a pension on account of his Revolutionary War service, which he made at his residence in Orange County 10 March 1838 when he was too infirm to attend Court to make the necessary declaration, he swore that he was then 80 years old and had been born in Wake County. He died, testate, in Orange County 14 September 1839. He was twice married. The name of his first wife is not of record. It seems that they married about 1779 and that she died about 1793. He married, secondly, 5 May 1814 MARY MAXWELL DIXON at the residence of her father Joseph Dixon, a Revolutionary War patriot.[1] The latter had required James Herndon to sign an antenuptial agreement in favor of his daughter under the terms of which he transferred to her practically all his property. That contract was signed 28 April 1824.[2] The marriage ceremony was performed by Abner Alston, justice of the peace, as certified by Willis Marcom, one of the attendants at the wedding.[3] The bride was born

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[29] Dated 27 October 1859, proved at November term of court 1859, and recorded in *Granville County Will Book #21:* 154.

[1] NCRAA VII: 29-3, IX: 64-3, 97-4.

[2] *Orange County Deed Book #16:* 64.

[3] From Pension File of Mary ("Polly") Herndon on the service of her husband James Herndon.

between 26 February and 31 May 1790 and was therefore 32 years younger than her husband. She died 1 November 1864.

Reference has already been made to the deed of gift of land which Captain George Herndon made to his son James.[4] Subsequently JAMES HERNDON purchased two additional tracts, the first on 22 February 1796 from David Hall, the second on 20 July 1796 from Joseph Hust *et al.*[5] The tax lists show that he was taxed in 1800 on his ownership of 640 acres and 2 slaves.

In his application for a pension JAMES HERNDON swore that

> (1) he was living in Wake County when on 1 February 1780 he first entered the American forces during the Revolution by draft for three months and served as a private of dragoons under Captain Bledsoe in Colonel Mebane's Regiment and that Mark Patterson was lieutenant of Captain Bledsoe's Company;
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> (2) he enlisted for a second tour 1 April 1781 and served three months as a private in Captain BENJAMIN HERNDON's Company of Dragoons whose lieutenant was ZACHARIAH HERNDON the applicant's older brother, in the North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonal Malmedy.

In support of this application for a pension AQUILLA HERNDON swore that he was a son of Captain BENJAMIN HERNDON and that he personally knew that JAMES HERNDON had served in his father's company, as stated. EDMUND HERNDON was mentioned as a younger brother of the applicant and that he was then residing in Orange County. The date was 10 March 1838.

> JAMES HERNDON was granted a pension at the rate of $22.50 per annum under the Act of 7 June 1832, his service being rated as three months a private of infantry and three months a private of cavalry. The certificate issued to him was #31,380 and dated 5 April 1838.
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> His widow was granted a similar allowance under the Act of 3 February 1853.

In 1790 James Herndon was listed in the Wake County Census as head of a family which included, in addition to himself, three males under 16, and four females.[6] By 1800 he was a resident of Orange County. He served frequently on juries in various courts of the County.[7] The last mention of him during his lifetime in the official records was in February 1839 when he was defendant in a suit brought by Wm. N. Pratt, the jurors deciding in favor of James Herndon. What the issue was is not shown.

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[4] *Supra* 206.

[5] *Orange County Deed Book #6:* 387, 392.

[6] *First Census of the United States: North Carolina Heads of Families:* 104.

[7] *Minutes of the Orange County Court,* Feb. 1816, Aug. 1816, Aug. 1818, et al.

The will of James Herndon follows: [8]

In the name of God Amen.

I JAMES HERNDON of the County and State aforesaid being advanced in years but of sound mind and memory blessed be God do make constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first that my Executors herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my daughter ELIZABETH CARLTON fifty acres of land to be taken off the tract of land that I purchased of Robert Campbell to be taken off the west end and I also give her the tract of land whereon she now lives in fee. I give my daughter ELIZABETH CARLTON one negro boy by the name of Ruffus. I give and bequeath to my wife MARY M. HERNDON three hundred acres of land to be taken off the north end of the tract of land whereon I now live to include the dwelling house and other improvements for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real estate. I give to my wife MARY M. HERNDON one negro woman by the name of Lucy one negro man by the name of Bob one bed and furniture and bedstead one folding table one desk one large chest six Winsor chairs ten choice of my hogs two choice of my cows and calves one horse her choice all my farming tools and the crop that may be on hand at my death during her natural life or widowhood but she is not to sell her lifetime right in the land or negroes. I give to my wife one negro girl by the name of Cutta during her natural life or widowhood and at the death of my wife I give Cutta to my daughter TERMINIA HERNDON. I give and bequeath to my son MATURINE C. HERNDON one hundred and fifty acres of land which is part of the tract of land I bought of Robert Campbell also the Hall tract of land which one hundred and forty acres I give my son M. C. Herndon one negro boy by the name of Jack one negro boy by the name of Duncan and at the death of my wife I give to M. C. Herndon one negro woman by the name of Lucy one bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath to my grandson LORENZO J. VANN ten dollars. I also give him the bed and furniture and bedstead that I gave to his mother.

I give and bequeath unto my son COSLETT M. HERNDON the tract of land whereon I now live all except what I willed to my wife and that to be his after her death. I give my son C. M. Herndon one negro man by the name of Ben one negro boy by the name of Hamlett and after the death of my wife I give to C. M. Herndon one negro man by the name of Bob one bed and furniture.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter TERMINIA HERNDON one negro woman by the name of Dennis and one negro boy by the name of Isham. I give to my daughter TERMINIA HERNDON one clock one bureau one bed and furniture one Chancy press one side saddle.

I give and bequeath to my two sons M. C. Herndon and C. M. Herndon my waggon and my will and desire is that the property I will to my wife and all the residue of my estate that I have not willed shall be sold after the death of my wife

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[8] *Orange County Will Book F:* 31 at Hillsboro; and *Orange County Wills*, Vol. VI: 35 in the Archives at Raleigh.

and be equally divided between M. C. Herndon, Coslett M. Herndon and Terminia Herndon.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter NANCY BARBEE one negro girl by the name of Cynthia.

I give and bequeath unto my grand children the children of my son JAMES HERNDON one dollar.

And lastly I constitute and appoint my friends THOMAS BILBO and ANDERSON FERRELL executors of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 19th day of February 1838.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Acquilla Herndon
Sullivan Leigh

JAMES his (X) mark HERNDON (Seal)

Probated at the November Term of Court for Orange County 1839

In order to obtain a complete list of the children of JAMES HERNDON one must consider also the Will of his son POMPHRETT HERNDON an abstract of which follows: [9]

Will of POMPHRETT HERNDON, 13 November 1817, " very sick and weak of body:
My dearly beloved brother JAMES HERNDON, Junr., sole executor;
To my dearly beloved father $5;
To my well beloved sister POLLY GORMAN $5;
To my well beloved sister NANCY BARBEE $5;
To my well beloved sister ELIZABETH DICKSON $5;
To my brother-in-law [i.e., half-brother] MACHARINE C. HERNDON 5 shillings;
To my sister-in-law [i.e., half-sister] TERESA N. HERNDON 5 shillings;
To my dearly beloved brother JAMES HERNDON Jr. and my dearly beloved sister SALLY HERNDON all the rest of my estate, to be equally divided between them and by them to be freely possessed and enjoyed.
Witnesses: JAMES LYNN and CHARLES H. COLLIER.
Ordered to be recorded at November Term 1817 of the Orange County Court when Charles H. Collier, a subscribing witness, made oath . . . and at the same time JAMES HERNDON [Jr.], the executor therein named, qualified.

Children of James Herndon and His First Wife:

1104 JAMES HERNDON (b 1780) m 2 February 1812 CATHERINE G. COLLIER; served as executor of the Will of his brother Pomphrett; had issue, but neither their names nor where this family lived after 1819 has been determined.

1105 POLLY HERNDON (b 1783) m ——— GORMAN; not mentioned in the Will of her father.

1106 POMPHRETT HERNDON (b ca 1786; d testate November 1817) m in Orange County 28 October 1812 ANN BRASSFIELD (dsp ante 1817). Among those who made purchases when his estate was sold 19 December 1817

[9] *Orange County Will Book D:* 515.

were his father James Herndon, Sr., his brother James Herndon, Jr., Aquilla Herndon, David Holder, Lee Johnston; Abel and Joseph Scott; John Hutchins, James Sheppard; Reuben, James, and King Barbee; Isaiah and Thomas Marcom, Sr.; Thomas Carlton; Sullivan Lee [Leigh]; and Charles Collier.

1107 NANCY HERNDON (b ca 1788) m in Orange County 27 May 1812 her first cousin KING BARBEE #1132 (*q.v.*)

1108 ELIZABETH HERNDON (b ca 1790) m first in Orange County 20 January 1812 MAXWELL DIXON (whose sister Mary Maxwell Dixon later m James Herndon, Sr., Elizabeth's father): m secondly 20 January 1820 WESLEY CARLTON, and had issue:

(1) Marceline Carlton (d 1846) m as his first wife William T. Booth, son of Alfred Booth and Elizabeth Mason, and had issue. Her grandfather, Daniel Carlton, a Revolutionary War patriot, left an estate in which she was to share but on her death he revoked that bequest and gave her share to other grandchildren.[10]

1109 SALLY HERNDON (b ca 1792) died between November 1817 and February 1818.

Children of James Herndon and Mary Maxwell Dixon

1110 MATURINE CALDWELL HERNDON (b 1815; d between 1860 and 1870) was named for Bishop Caldwell of North Carolina, but seldom used his full name; and in the records was usually referred to as M. C. Herndon. He and his brother Costlett M. Herndon lived on adjoining properties when the 1850 census was taken. Ten years later his address was Durhamsville. He married in Orange County 19 August 1835 FRANCES A. E. GUESS (b 1814). In 1870 she was the head of the family, and in 1880 made her home with her son Rhodes. M. C. Herndon was elected constable in Capt. George's District in February 1837, entered into bond with King Barbee and Alfred Boothe, and was reelected in February 1838, as noted in the Court Minutes. He and his wife had issue:

(1) James Mebane Herndon (b 1837; d ante 5 August 1878); CSA; m 1st 20 March 1858 Elizabeth F. Guess (d 14 July 1859); m secondly, in Mecklenburg County, N. C., 16 April 1864 Virginia Catherine Cochrane (then 16 years of age), and had issue, 3 sons, Walter T., Lester, and Julius Herndon, and 1 daughter, Eva Ella Herndon who was m 1st to Charles Parrish and 2ndly to Paul Brown. He was a Justice of the Peace for Orange County in 1874. His widow was married, secondly, 18 May 1883 in her home in Patterson township, Durham County, to R. H. Beavers, of Chatham County, N. C.

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[10] Daniel Carlton's Will was dated 15 July 1845, codicil dated 21 January 1847, probated May 1856. It would seem to indicate that Wesley and Elizabeth Carlton had also a son Anderson M. Carlton and a daughter Lovina Shephard. (Lovina Carlton's and Thomas Shephard's marriage bond was filed in Orange County in 13 February 1840. Thomas Shephard was a grandson of Thomas and Fanny (Herndon) (#44) Marcom.

(2) Maturine Caldwell Herndon (b 8 September 1840, Orange County; d 30 November 1906, Durham N. C.; bu Maplewood Cemetery, Durham) served as a private in Company C, Sixth NC Infantry, CSA, having enlisted 8 May 1861. By order of Genl. Whiting he was kept in the Petersburg Hospital from 1 May to 31 October 1862. He was captured at Rappahannock 7 November 1863; sent as a prisoner of war to Point Lookout, and was exchanged 1 November 1864. He was included in the surrender at Appomattox, but was captured at Raleigh 25 May 1865 and paroled. His name is on the Confederate Roll of Honor of Orange County. He m first 21 February 1861 Demarius E. Vickers (b 1838; d 19 October 1885) who, by her Will dated 20 February 1885, probated 22 October 1885,[11] left her property to him. She was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Durham. He married, secondly Lillie Thrash, of Asheville, N. C., by whom he had 3 daughters: Adah Lee (Herndon) Dawson, Blanche (Herndon) Angier, and Lillian (Herndon) Bourne. He married, thirdly, Cora Thurston (b 1869), by whom he had 1 son, M. C. Herndon, Jr., and 1 daughter, Ruth Carr (Herndon) Grimstaff. His widow m secondly 30 November 1918 Herbert H. Purinton, of Willimantic, Conn.

(3) Martha Ann Herndon (b 1842) m 6 March 1865 California D. Massey, and had issue: Charles Massey, James P. Massey, Edgar Hardy Massey, and Annie Massey (Mrs. Ezra) Craig.

(4) Louisa Elizabeth Herndon (b 1846) m 14 May 1863 James T. Dixon, son of Abner and Jane Dixon, and had issue, 4 daughters: Mesdames C. E. Glenn, W. J. Woods, Hattie (Dixon) Nichols, and A. I. MacKay.

(5) John Guess Herndon (b ca 1852) lived with his mother and younger sister in 1870.

(6) William Rhodes Herndon (called "Rhodes") was born 5 May 1854; d 7 February 1911; m 9 April 1882 Virginia Green, and had issue, 3 daughters: Mary E. (Herndon) Dawson; Daisy (Herndon) O'Donnell; and Mabel C. (Herndon) [Starling] Mangum.

(7) Ella Herndon (b 1856; d 25 June 1946) m 1st 12 December 1874 Joseph Green, by whom she had an only daughter, Mrs. Hattie (Green) Parr, at whose home she lived after her return to Durham, following the death of her second husband, Rev. C. F. Hunter, an evangelist of the Methodist Church. She was a member of the Calvary Methodist Church, Durham.[12]

(8) Nancy Jane Herndon (b 1857) lived at home with her mother in 1870.

1111 Teresa Newton Herndon (b 1817; d 13 September 1837) m in Orange County 5 April 1835 Willis J. Vann, who in a law suit in 1848 was mentioned as "not an inhabitant of this state." Issue:

(1) Lorenzo J. Vann.

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[11] *Durham County Will Book A: 79.*

[12] *Durham Morning Herald*, issue of 26 June 1946.

1112 Coslett Maxwell Herndon (b 9 March 1819, Orange County; d on the 85th anniversary of his birth, 9 March 1904, at the home of his son, Charles Milton Herndon, in Durham, N. C.) m 1 January 1837 Margaret E. Guess (b 1817; d 7 November 1887). He and his brother M. C. Herndon were both mentioned in the Will of their grandfather Joseph Dixon, probated May 1834, as being entitled to receive two slaves named Wesley and Granville.[13] These brothers married sisters, daughters of Moses Guess who, in his Will, probated February 1847, bequeathed to his daughters, Frances Herndon and Margaret Herndon, each an eighth part of his estate.[14] Coslett M. and Margaret Herndon had issue:[15]

(1) Alexander M. Herndon (b Sunday morning, 29 October 1837; d Friday night 11 p.m., 16 August 1861, at Culpeper, Va., of dysentery, while in the Confederate Army. When taken ill, his father was sent for, and the young soldier lived until a few minutes after his father arrived.

(2) William Henry Harrison Herndon (b Tuesday morning, 5 January 1840; d 1 February 1880; bu in the Berea Church Cemetery, on one of the roads south from Durham), CSA, m in Orange County 27 January 1866 (mb 23 Jany) Sarah Elizabeth George (b 10 June 1850; d 30 August 1912), daughter of Ezekiel George and his wife Martha, daughter of Elias Herndon #295; and after his death, his widow Sarah Elizabeth m secondly Almon G. Belvin. She was a first cousin of Quintelia George whom Charles Milton Herndon married. W. H. H. and Sarah Elizabeth Herndon had surviving issue:[16] Mrs. Suitt; Sallie Theodora who was m 1st to G. A. Walker, and 2ndly to William Butler Ogden; and George Berenice Herndon.

(3) Charles Milton Herndon (b Monday night, 13 November 1843 in Orange County, six miles south of Durham; d at 94 years of age, Friday morning, 31 December 1937) entered CSA 1861, served throughout the war in Hoke's Division; was badly wounded. After the war he went to Kentucky where he married, first, 20 February 1872 Annie Buchanan, of Lexington, Fayette County, Ky., the officiating minister being Reverend Matthew Van Lear, of the Presbyterian Church, USA. His wife was a devout member of the Episcopal Church and he was confirmed therein. He was so enthusiastic about the Blue Grass Country that he persuaded his brother W. H. H. Herndon, who was called "Buck", to remove thither from Durham. ["Buck" Herndon lived there from 1866 to 1874.] After the death of his wife, Charles Milton Herndon returned to Durham where he lived the rest of his life. He married

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[13] *Orange County Will Book E*, 319.

[14] *Orange County Will Book F*, 337.

[15] Miss Kate Herndon, a daughter of Charles Milton Herndon, owns the family Bible from which all of the dates of birth and some other dates in this sketch were copied by J. G. H. at her home in 1939.

[16] Mrs. William Suitt, formerly Mrs. William Graham Crabtree, nee Alexandra Melissa Magnolia Herndon, has contributed much information concerning her father's family.

secondly, 27 July 1876 Quintelia W. George (b 25 February 1843; d 12 March 1886), daughter of David George and his wife Sylvinia Herndon #1099. He married, thirdly, 2 February 1887 Sallie Green Thaxton (d 23 January 1931), of Roxboro, who mothered with a real affection her four step-children. The following is an excerpt from an obituary notice:

> Mr. Herndon had the distinction of being the oldest living charter member of the Durham Masonic Lodge No. 352. He always was active in the better things of his community. His activities also extended to religious works and he was the last surviving member of those who helped organize St. Philip's Episcopal Church.
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> For three years (1873-76) he was chief of police of Durham. For many years he was the commissioner of streets of Durham, and it was under his administration and direction that Mangum Street was macadamized, the first street in the city to be treated with the then modern method of street improvement.
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> At one period in his career he was engaged in the manufacture of ice, and for many years he was engaged in the marketing business.

He was stricken with blindness in 1927. His second wife and he had issue, 1 son and 3 daughters: Ethel Telia (Herndon) Moore, Charles Milton Herndon Jr., Carrie (Herndon) Lindenthal, and Kate Herndon.

(4) Sidney H. Herndon (b Saturday night, 7 November 1846; d 8 June 1912; bu Maplewood Cemetery, Durham) m first in Orange County 27 January 1876 Fanny A. Rhodes (b 1852; d 8 September 1898; bu Maplewood Cemetery), and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter. He married, secondly, in Durham County 11 February 1900 Bertha Lorbacher (b 1865; d 18 February 1913; bu Maplewood Cemetery), no issue. He was a Confederate States soldier.

(5) Zachary Taylor Herndon (b Friday evening, 17 March 1848; d Monday, 30 May 1871, of consumption, in Kentucky) m in Wake County 23 May 1869 Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen (Mason) Markham, and had issue, Minnie Herndon who m Charles E. Hurst. Elizabeth Ellen Mason, daughter of Jesse Mason and sister of Pleasant Mason who devised his estate to the University of North Carolina, was the widow of William B. Markham.

(6) Teresa Lucretia Herndon (b Thursday morning, 14 March 1850; d 3 May 1854).

(7) Temesia Louisa Herndon (b Sunday morning, 6 July 1851; d 1 May 1854).

(8) Giles Preston Herndon (b Tuesday evening, 22 November 1852; d 2 February 1920, in or near Richmond, Va.) m first, at the home of R. D. Duke, Durham County [then Orange], 25 August 1878 Margaret Bachelor (19 years of age), and had issue, 5 sons and 1

daughter, Mrs. Mattie Lee (Herndon) [Lorbacher] Eddins. He m secondly, 1895, in Richmond, Va., Betty E. Frost, and had issue, 1 son and 1 daughter; and m thirdly, in Durham, 10 December 1910 Jennie P. Lorbacher, and had 1 son and 1 daughter.

(9) Melissa Jane Elizabeth Herndon (b Tuesday evening, 29 April 1856; d 31 May 1863).

(10) Isadora Viola Annette Herndon (b Tuesday, 9 March 1859; d 15 June 1863).

(11) Joseph Emmett Herndon (b 10 January 1861; d 1945, in Virginia) m first in Manchester, Va., 23 September 1890 Carrie A. Jackson, by whom he had issue, possibly among others, 1 son and 1 daughter; m secondly in Danville, Va., 5 December 1912 Mary J. Jamerson, daughter of Wm. B. and Louisa Jamerson, and had, possibly among others, either 3 sons and 1 daughter or 4 sons. In 1888 he moved to Swansboro, Va., and lived there in 1900. In his later years he became a minister of the Primitive Baptist Church.

1113 TERMINIA HERNDON (b 1821; d ca 1885) m first in Orange County 14 October 1840 Dr. JESSE D. BOOTH (b 19 February 1822; d ante 1853), son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Mason) Booth, and had issue: [17]

(1) Carrie Booth (b ca 1842, Orange County, N. C.) m 1st ——— Sisson, and had one son Walter Booth Sisson. She m secondly ——— Tucker. They made their home in Louisiana where she died.

(2) Maggie Elizabeth Booth (b ca 1845) removed to Louisiana, where about 1866 she m William Henry Butler, and had issue, 4 sons and 2 daughters.

Terminia Herndon m secondly in Orange County 27 April 1853 BART-HENRY HERNDON #1097, but had no issue by that marriage.

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#270 ELIZABETH HERNDON [40 George] was born about 1759 in Orange County, N. C., and died 1833 in Chatham County, N. C. She was married about 1775 to WILLIAM COLE, who died in 1823 in Chatham County, N. C. Their home was in the northeast section of Chatham County, not many miles from the home place of his father-in-law George Herndon, who lived over the line in Orange County.

WILLIAM COLE is mentioned in the Chatham Court Minutes as serving on several road juries and on various trial juries.

Among the more than a dozen references to his services during the American Revolution in the North Carolina Archives the following are typical:

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[17] E. H. W. Wood and L. B. Nesbitt: *Herndon-Hunt and Allied Families*, 20-21, 91.

Statement of Accts. of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the N. C. Line in the late Army of the United States passed upon by the Commissioner of Army Accounts (NCRAA III-59-2)

(Name)	(Rank)	Amount Charged by Soldier	Amount Credited to Soldier	Balance paid by the State
WILLIAM COLE	private	319-49	52-2	267-47

(These amounts are dollars and cents.)

Report #180 of Several Claims allowed between 17 October 1781 and 15 July 1783 (NCRAA V-51-3 and V-52-2):

WILLIAM COALE, militia service, Cert. #1291, £17. 4. 6.

WILLIAM COLE, militia service, Cert. #1405, £2. 12. 6.

Certificate #785 for £14 4s to WILLIAM COLE (NCRAA XI-36-4).

He was listed in the Census of 1790 as head of a family in Chatham County which consisted of himself, his wife, and three white males under 16, and 1 slave. His name was misspelled as Coal. There were five men named William Cole listed as heads of families in North Carolina in 1790, but only one of them lived in the group of counties which formed the Hillsborough District.

William Cole's Will dated 1 August 1823 reads as follows: [1]

> In the name of God Amen I WILLIAM COLE In the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be the Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. Viz.
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> First I lend unto my beloved wife ELIZABETH COLE the land and plantation whereon I now live containing two hundred and thirty two and one half acres, and five negro slaves by the names of Solomon, two Peters, called Old Peter and Little Peter, Winifred the wife of Old Peter, and Juliana. All my household and kitchen furniture, the plantation utensils and stock of all kinds also all my crop on hand or in hand I mean all my corn growing in my fields my wheat that is now in stack together with my cotton and potatoes and every other article of the present crop. My just debts to be first paid out of the above named perishable property during her lifetime.
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> Secondly I give and bequeath unto my oldest son REUBIN COLE one negro girl slave which said girl if living or hath not been sold by him my said son Reubin, he hath now in his possession by the name of Phebe Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Isaiah Cole one negro woman slave by the name of Charlotte and her four children by the names of Penny Joseph Winifred and Jeremiah the whole of them now in the possession of him my said son Isaiah.
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> Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my third son WILLIAM COLE one dollar.
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> Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my son ISAIAH COLE Trustee for my son WILLIAM COLE the above mentioned two hundred and thirty two and one half acres of land after the death of my said wife Elizabeth, Also one negro girl by the name of

[1] The original Will is preserved in the courthouse at Pittsboro, and is recorded in Chatham County Will Book #3, which has been removed to the Archives, Raleigh, and there may be found in C.R. 22.02: folio 18; old page 40. The date of the probate of this Will is not stated.

Juliana being one of the above mentioned slaves Also the one third part of all the balance of property loaned to my said wife Elizabeth during her life or rather the one third part of all said property which may be remaining at her death the said trustee obliging himself to pay over the said profits of said land or property unto my said son WILLIAM COLE or otherwise expend of it in supporting his wife and children during the lifetime of my said son WILLIAM COLE and at his the said William's death the said trustee to be obliged to equally divide between the lawful begotten children of him my said son William Cole the said lands and property which he the said trustee had in trust.

Sixthly I give and bequeath after the death of my said wife ELIZABETH unto my said son REUBIN COLE the one third part of all the property which I have above loaned to my said wife Elizabeth the said land and Negro girl excepted I mean the one third part of as much as may be remaining at her my said wife Elizabeth's death.

Seventhly I give and bequeath unto my said son ISAIAH COLE after the death of my said wife Elizabeth the one third part of all or as much as may be remaining at her said death the property loaned to her my said wife Elizabeth's life time the said land and Negro girl excepted and I do hereby appoint my son ISAIAH COLE sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 1st day of August in the year of our Lord 1823.

Signed sealed published and
declared by the above named WILLIAM COLE (Seal)
William Cole Sr. to be his
last will and testament in presence
of us
Isaac Kirby
James Kirby

Elizabeth Herndon Cole's Will, dated 29 April 1833, and the record of its probate read as follows: [2]

In the name of God Amen

I ELIZABETH COLE being in a low state of health and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all mankind once to die, and being of sound mind and memory and wishing to bring my earthly business to a close I do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, first of all my will is to recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it, and for my poor frail body to have a decent burial by my children; my will is that all my just debts be paid. My will is after that, that the legal heirs of my son REUBIN COLE deceased, shall have one third part of all my earthly estate that I am in possession of, that is not willed away by my husband WILLIAM COLE, deceased. After my death my will further is that my sons ISAIAH COLE and WILLIAM COLE shall have after my decease, and equally divide the other two thirds of all my earthly estate that I am in possession of at my death that was not willed away by my above mentioned husband WILLIAM COLE. My will further is that the legal heirs of my son REUBIN COLE have each of them one dollar in

[2] Recorded in C.R. 22.021, folio 65, old pages 260-261, in the Archives, Raleigh.

cash after my decease, and my will further is that ISAIAH COLE my son and William Cole my son have after my death, each a counterpane and pillow case and my will further is that my son Isaiah Cole have after my death the newest bed quilt, and for my son William Cole to have the next newest bed quilt that I am in possession of, also my will further is, and I do this day make and appoint my son ISAIAH COLE my lawful Executor, and furthermore I make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form above written in witness whereof I ELIZABETH COLE have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of April in the year of our lord 1833.

Signed in presence of us — her
Wm Bennett — ELIZABETH X COLE (Seal)
Mark Bynum — mark

The foregoing last will and testament of ELIZABETH COLE deceased was duly proved in open Court at November Term 1833 by the oath of Mark Bynum a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon ISAIAH COLE the executor therein named appeared in open court and was duly qualified.

Children of William Cole and Elizabeth Herndon:[3]

1114 REUBEN COLE (b ca 1776; d ante 29 April 1823) m ——— and left issue.

1115 ISAIAH COLE (1778; d post 1850) m LOIS WILSON (b 1786, d post 1860), daughter of John Wilson, of Orange County, who named her in his Will, dated 1 February 1827, and had issue:[4]

(1) Jeremiah Pendleton Cole (b 22 December 1806; d 21 May 1887) m in Orange County 8 January 1831 Nancy White (b 17 September 1810; d 14 May 1878), and had 6 children.

(2) Stephen Elbert Cole (b 30 July 1809; d 25 June 1892) m 16 August 1836 Nancy M. Oldham (b 30 August 1811; d 30 October 1897), and had 5 children.

(3) Wesley Cole (b 1812) m in Orange County 1 April 1839 Margaret Craig, and had 9 children.

(4) Reuben Wilson Cole (b 26 August 1816; d 12 April 1875) m 22 February 1844 Nancy Couch, daughter of William and Dicey (White) Couch, and had 6 children.

(5) Leroy Cole (b 21 January 1821; d September 1889) m Elizabeth A. Maria Yarbrough (b 8 November 1823; d 12 July 1911) and had 4 children.

(6) Martha ("Patsy") Cole (b 28 July 1823; d 3 March 1897) m March 1855 Young Oldham (b 28 November 1807; d 1892); and had issue.

(7) Benson Cole (b 19 August 1828) died 15 November 1856, while studying at Wake Forest College, and is buried there.

(8) Fletcher Cole (b 1832) m Cornelia Caudle; and had 4 children.

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[3] Many descendants of this couple still live in Chatham and adjoining counties. Each October they hold a reunion. Information about the wife and children of Isaiah Cole was furnished by Mrs. Mann Cabe Patterson, *nee* Marvin Cole, late of Durham, N. C., daughter of Jeremiah Pendleton Cole; Mrs. Ed Hinton, *nee* Alma Cole; her sister, Mrs. Edwin Brandon, *nee* Maria Cole; and their cousin Kemp Cole, all of Chapel Hill, N. C., grandchildren of Elbert Cole.

[4] The dates given in this sketch were furnished by Mr. Floyd Pickett, being copied by him from a family Bible in the possession of Mr. Albert Cole, a grandson of Stephen Elbert Cole.

#271 SALLY HERNDON [40 George] was born ca 1760 in Orange County, N. C. She married HENRY McCOY (b ca 1750 Orange County, N. C., d. testate, 1809, Clark County, Georgia). He was a son of John McCoy, of Orange County.

HENRY McCOY was one of the 147 residents of the northern portion of Orange County who in 1773 petitioned the Governor, Council, and House of Burgesses to form a new county in order to lessen their burden in attending Court so far away.[1]

Some records pertaining to his Revolutionary War service follow: He received Certificate #1314 for £7 for his militia service in 1776,[2] and Certificate #763 for £17,251, (at the depth of the currency depreciation). Following his name were those of THOMAS TRICE, WILLIAM MARCOM, WM. RHODES (£3.752), BEN[JAMIN] HERNDON, ABRA[HA]M MASSEY, JOHN KING, and GEORGE JOHNSTON (Cert. #757 for £168) on the same page.[3] In Book A of the Accounts there is another reference to a payment due him for services.[4]

In 1778 at the May term of the Orange County Court he was named Collector (of Taxes) for St. Mark's district and again in August 1782. On 25 November 1783 he was appointed "Overseer of the Road from Corners to the County Line in the room of GEORGE HERNDON.[5]

Henry McCoy soon thereafter removed to Georgia, located in Clarke County, and served in the Quartermaster's Department there, as is evidenced by the following entry: [6]

> HENRY McCOY Aug 1789
> The State of Georgia Dr. to HENRY McCOY in the Quartermaster's Department agreeable to his certificate and the resolve of Assembly of the 28th of January last. £29 : 7 : 8

In his Will probated 3 July 1809 [7] he named as beneficiaries his wife Sally, the children listed below, and a granddaughter Rebecca O'Neal.

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[1] CSRNC IX: 809-810.

[2] NCRAA VIII-69-2.

[3] NCRAA IX-81.

[4] NCRAA A-81.

[5] Abstracted from *Minutes of the Orange County Court*, in the Archives, Raleigh.

[6] *Auditor's Ledger, 1782 1792:* 80.

[7] *Clarke County Will Book A:* 16.

Children of Henry McCoy and Sally Herndon:

1117 John McCoy
1118 Neely McCoy
1119 Abner McCoy
1120 Jeremiah McCoy
1121 Edmond McCoy
1122 Wiley McCoy
1123 Elizabeth McCoy m ——— Smith
1124 Franky McCoy m ——— Herndon [8]
1125 Eunice McCoy m ——— Bankston
1126 Polly McCoy m ——— Greer
1127 Sally McCoy m ——— Reese
1128 Nancy McCoy

#272 George Herndon [40 George] was born about 1762 in Orange County, and died, testate, between 20 November 1824 and March 1825, in Wake County, N. C. The name of his first wife, the mother of his children, is not known. He married, secondly, in Wake County 11 March 1815 Ailsey Grissam.

If we exclude from our consideration certificates for Revolutionary War services issued to Captain George Herndon, of Orange County, and his relatives of that name in Chatham County, there are still left certificates for sums from £1 10s. to £50 issued to persons named George Herndon which lack a statement of the nature of the service rendered, the rank of the payee, or the place of his residence. It is reasonable to assume that some of these [1] were in favor of this George Herndon, who was of the proper age for service and whose older brothers Zachariah and James are known to have had service in the Army, and who lived in a community where every able-bodied man, according to Mrs. W. S. West, the recognized authority on the subject of North Carolina in the Revolution, of the staff of the North Carolina Division of History and Archives at Raleigh, rendered service on the Patriot side, unless he was of a family devoted to the cause of the Tories.

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[8] It is possible that she was given the double name Frankey Herndon and so was Frankey Herndon McCoy, rather than Frankey [McCoy] Herndon, but this does not seem likely.

[1] In the following NCRAA volumes: VIII-68-2; IX-33-4; IX-50-1; A-72; B-276; B-295; C-102; C-127; C-128; and D-261.

His Will was dated 15 November 1820, with codicil added 20 November 1824. It was proved at the May 1825 term of the Wake County Court.[2] An abstract follows:

> To [my daughter] Sarah Edwards, wife of Thomas Edwards, $5;
> To [my daughter] Nancy Almon, wife of Nathan Almon, $5;
> To my son Hosea, $20;
> To my loving wife Ailsey, the balance of my estate.
> My friend George Brasfield to be executor with Ailsey executrix;
> "For lack of George Brasfield as executor, I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend [my brother] Edmond Herndon."

Children of George Herndon and His First Wife:

1129 SARAH HERNDON m in Wake County 13 January 1801 THOMAS EDWARDS.
1130 NANCY HERNDON m NATHAN ALMON.
1131 HOSEA HERNDON, who was bondsman for his father for his second marriage.

#273 REUBEN HERNDON [40 George] was born about 1764 in Orange County, N. C., where on 9 August 1784 he married FRANCES McCOY. The only other positive knowledge we have of him is that each of his parents mentioned him in their Wills, leaving to him small bequests. The following items, however, are cited to throw whatever light is obtainable therefrom on him.

The State of Georgia, in the Cherokee Land Lottery of 1838, allotted to "Frances Herndon, widow of a Revolutionary Soldier", lot #210 in the third section of district 23, in the 778th district of Heard County.

We have found no record of the settlement of the estate of Reuben Herndon. We know, however, that he married Frances McCoy, and that Henry McCoy married Sally Herndon, Reuben's sister, and that Henry McCoy died testate in Clarke County, Ga. It is reasonable, therefore, to suggest that Frances Herndon, "widow of a Revolutionary Soldier", may have been the widow of Reuben Herndon.

On the other hand, we find that GEORGE HERNDON, son of WILLIAM HERNDON (Part Ten of *The Herndons of the American Revolution*), also removed from North Carolina to Clarke County, Ga., where administration on his estate was granted to his son JOSEPH HERNDON. In addition, certain of his descendants say that the mother of Joseph Herndon and widow of George Herndon was named Frances Merramon, while the wife of Joseph Herndon was Sally Stewart.

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[2] Recorded both in *Wake County Will Book #19:* 385 and in *Wake County Will Book #20:* 127.

We are of opinion that George Herndon's wife had predeceased him, else she would have been named excutrix of his estate or her renunciation of the right to administer on his estate would have appeared on the record, and that it was Joseph Herndon who married Frances Merramon. This view is supported by the fact that the Walton County (Ga.) census of 1850 shows that the 317th household enumerated included Joseph Herndon, aged 86, Frances Herndon, aged 80, both born in North Carolina, Levi Herndon, aged 56, Liny (doubtless a nickname for Carolina) Herndon, aged 48, and James Burt, aged 23, all born in Georgia. Of course, it is possible that the listed Frances Herndon, aged 80, was an unmarried sister of George Herndon. Further support to the assumption that Joseph Herndon married Frances Merramon, rather than that his father George Herndon did so, is found in the appearance of Merramon as a given name in the Herndon family first among the children of the aforementioned Joseph Herndon.

As we lack data pertaining to the estate of REUBEN HERNDON, we are unable to state anything about his descendants, if any.

#274 MARY ANN HERNDON [40 George] was born about 1766 in Orange County, N. C., where on 11 October 1786 she was married to EZEKIEL TRICE, son of Edward and Tabitha Trice.[1] She died between 24 May 1802, when her mother left a bequest to her in her Will, and 26 July 1803 when EZEKIEL TRICE married secondly, also in Orange County, Elizabeth Holloway.

The following are references to Ezekiel Trice in the *Minutes of the Orange County Court:*

4th Monday of May 1789: "Ezekiel Trice is appointed Overseer of the Road from William Copeland's to the Chatham County line in the room of John Scott."

November 1790: "Ordered that Daniel Massey be appointed Overseer of the road from Jas. Vaughan to the Chatham County line in the room of Ezekiel Trice."

May 1794: He is named to work on the same road under Eli[as] Herndon.

May 1796: He served as juror and was drawn for service at next Court.

22 August 1796: He was sued for debt by Charles Collier and was excused from service as juror at this Court.

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[1] The original Will of Edward Trice is in the Archives, Raleigh. It was dated 20 June 1800 and was probated at the November 1800 term of the Orange County Court. In it Ezekieal Trice is undoubtedly intended where the spelling is *Zecel Trice.*

3 March 1798: He was " appointed a Patrol in and for Capt. Rhodes' company " along with Page Patterson, Wm. Rhodes, and Zachariah Herndon.

May 1799: He was appointed " Patrol in Capt. Herenden's [*sic*] Company ", with Chesley P. Patterson, Wm. Rhodes Jun. and John Hyde.

February 1811: Ezekiel Trice qualified as a Justice of the Peace and was listed as among the Justices present to lay the yearly tax, elect a Sherriff, etc. In his capacity as Guardian of the heirs of Peter House, he presented his account and was allowed his commission of £6 6s. 0d., the account totaling £126 3s. 2d.

February 1816: " Ordered that Wm. Barbee, Abram Craig, Sampson Moore, Charles Trice, EZEKIEL TRICE, be appointed commissioners for the repairing or rebuilding of the Bridge across Ben's Creek and New Hope, on the road from Chapel Hill to Raleigh, and report to the next court."

November 1816: Pleasant Henderson, EZEKIEL TRICE, and Charles Trice were appointed to help divide the estate of John Moore.

February 1818: He was on the list of jurors to serve at the next court.

May 1819: He served as juror.

August 1819: In the suit of John Taylor vs Ezekiel Trice for debt, it was found that the defendant owned notes totaling $255.25 and interest and costs of $23.61.

November 1819: In the suit of Robins and Savage vs Ezekiel Trice for debt, judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiffs for $288.23 and $11.80 interest.

February 1820: A bill of sale from Ezekiel Trice to Thomas Taylor was ordered to be recorded. In the suit of Wm McCauley vs Ezekiel Trice, judgment in favor of the plaintiff was entered in the sum of $193.08 with $9.64 damages.

In the issue of 20 March 1793 of *The North Carolina Journal* gifts to the University were reported as follows:

From Christopher Barbee 221 acres;
From EZEKIEL TRICE one pound;
From Charles Collier five pounds.

In the issue of 10 January 1811 of *The Star,* of Raleigh, under " Religious Intelligence ", there was a report of the meeting of Wake County Baptists at Cool Spring Meeting House and of E. Trice as an elder of one of the churches. According to an article in the *Morning Herald,* Durham, under date of 19 February 1939, EZEKIEL TRICE was one of the founders of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church at Nelson, N. C., and served as its pastor from 1805 to 1838.

We have no record of any issue of Mary Ann Herndon and Ezekiel Trice.

#275 ESTHER HERNDON [40 George] was born about 1768 in Orange County, N. C., where she was married 20 March 1790 to JOHN BARBEE. Nothing further is known of her, except that she was mentioned in the Wills of her parents and that she was living when her husband made his Will, dated 10 July 1818, and proved in August 1818,[1] wherein he left to her

> my tract of land where I now live, with all appurtenances belonging thereto, during her natural life; also I lend to my wife [three negroes named] Hannah, Sarah and Mile during her natural life.

In a Court Minute of February 1795 we read:

> John Barbee [is] to work on road from Cross Roads by William Rhoads to Dry Creek." Working on the same road were Young, Mark, and Joseph Barbee; his brother-in-law, William Rhodes, Jr.; William Rhodes, Sr., Page and Mann Patterson, and others.

Children of John Barbee and Esther Herndon:

1132 KING BARBEE, to whom his father left " $50 with what he has already had "; m his first cousin, NANCY HERNDON #1107; had issue, but names not known to us. King Barbee was appointed constable for St. Marks District, of Orange County, February term of Court, 1824, when his sureties were Isaiah Marcom, William Dilliard, and Joseph Dickson [Dixon].

1133 REUBEN BARBEE, to whom his father left " $1 with what he has already had."

1134 ZACHARIAH BARBEE, to whom his father willed " a cow and calf, bed and bedstead, sow and pigs, horse, saddle, and bridle."

1135 SALLY BARBEE, to whom her father left $5; but whether she was then married we do not know, as he merely called her " daughter Sally " in his Will.

1136 CANDACE BARBEE, to whom her father left $10; but whether she was then married we do not know, as he merely called her " daughter Candace " in his Will.

1137 ELIZABETH BARBEE who was to receive a negro child named Mile on reaching her maturity or on marriage.

1138 JOHN BARBEE, to whom his father willed 163 acres and certain farm animals.

1139 GRAY BARBEE, to whom his father willed 100 acres and certain farm animals.

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[1] *Orange County Will Book D: 535.*

#276 EDMUND HERNDON [40 George] was born in 1770 in Orange County, N. C., where he died 10 May 1840.[1] There he married, first, 14 February 1794 REBECCA RHODES, one of the daughters of William and Mary Rhodes.[2] She died ante 1820.[3] He married, secondly, ante 12 March 1825 ELIZABETH ALSEY HIGH, daughter of Alsey High, of Wake Forest, N. C. She died 10 February 1833, aged 59 years.[4]

His plantation adjoined that of his brother Zachariah's in Herndonsville, in what is now Durham County. The 1830 Census shows that nearby lived members of the Cole, Turner, Barbee, Trice, Marcomb, Dixon, Guess, Daniels, Castleberry, and Rhodes families. He was one of the very successful businessmen of his section. He was a partner in the firm of Herndon and High, which was granted a license to sell liquors by the Orange County Court at its May 1834 term, which license was renewed a year later.

On 12 March 1825 "Edmund Herndon and his wife Elizabeth (Alias Elizabeth A. High), both of Orange County " conveyed to Henry Hunter, of Wake County, for $87.50, a tract of 500 acres " formerly the property of Alesey High, deceased."[4a]

In 1831 and 1832 Edmund Herndon was a justice of the Orange County Court; and in the latter year his son William Rhodes Herndon succeeded him on the bench.

In 1837 some of his family removed to Fayette County, Tenn., and by 1841 only two of his daughters and their husbands remained in Orange County, and none of his sons. William Nichols, a son-in-law who still resided in Orange County, was named by the Court administrator of his estate in June 1840. Shortly thereafter all his heirs-at-law joined in a petition to the Court of Equity of Orange County for a sale of all his lands in both Wake and Orange Counties " on the waters of North East branch of New Hope Creek and Ellerby's and containing by estimation—the whole, nineteen hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts " averring that because of the large number both of heirs and tracts " the same is incapible [*sic*] of any division among the said heirs without injury to some or all."[5] The Court granted the request and the

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[1] *Carolina Watchman*, issue of 27 May 1840; *Raleigh Register*, issue of 19 May 1840.

[2] See Rhodes Excursus, *infra* 265.

[3] The 1820 census mentions children in Edmund Herndon's family, but no female over 26.

[4] An unusually long obituary notice in the *Raleigh Star* of 12 April 1833.

[4a] Recorded 24 June 1825 *Wake County Deed Book #6: 256.*

[5] Quoted from part of the record in this case transmitted 27 June 1939 by E. M. Lynch, Clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County, to J. G. H.

Hillsborough Recorder on 29 October 1840 carried a notice that by order of James Webb, Clerk and Master, Edmund Herndon's lands would be offered for sale two days later at his late residence. In the issue of 2 December 1840 a notice appeared, reading:

> William Nichols, administrator of Edmund Herndon's estate will sell Wednesday 2 December 1840 36 likely negroes.

The sale of his personal property had already taken place 30 November 1840 at which Herndon purchasers included M[aturine] C[aldwell] Herndon, B[enjamin] R[hodes] Herndon, and Harmon Herndon.[6]

At the September 1842 term of Court, a petition in equity was filed by Thomas P. Clements and wife, *et al.*, *vs.* William Nichols, administrator of the estate of Edmund Herndon, *et al.*, as a result of which all the defendents were ordered to appear in court at its next term.[7] The end of the matter came in 1845 when Anderson Malone, Wm. N. Pratt, Ashael Megehee,[8] and Samuel Green made settlement for their respective purchases of the realty that had belonged to Edmund Herndon's estate in Orange County;[9] and George W. Trice did likewise for his lands in Wake County.[9a]

Children of Edmund Herndon and Rebecca Rhodes:

1140 POMFRETT HERNDON (d *ante* 1841) m in Wake County 3 October 1815 MARINA SHAW, and had issue:

(1) Hawkins E. Herndon (b 1817) lived in Wake County when ordered by the Wake County Court to work under Joshua Rogers, overseer of the road[10]; m in Fayette County, Tenn., where he was a bank cashier, Virginia A. Miller (b 1825, Ala.) lived 1860, near Somerville, Tenn.; had issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter, in 1850.

1141 SARAH HERNDON (d *ante* 1841) m in Orange County 24 September 1814 WILLIAM NICHOLS. When in 1840 he qualified as administrator of the estate of his father-in-law, he entered into bond with William N. Pratt, Fielding Leathers, James N. Patterson, William Lyons, and John Lockheart, Jr., in the sum of $40,000. At that time he lived in Wake County. Issue:

(1) Henry W. Nichols; (2) Elbert J. Nichols; (3) Alexander C. Nichols; (4) Rhodes W. Nichols; (5) Attelia H. Nichols, all of whom were designated as heirs-at-law of their grandfather Edmund Herndon in the equity proceedings mentioned above.

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[6] *Orange County Inventories and Distributions of Estates, 1837-40* (?); 382.

[7] *Hillsborough Recorder*, issue of 27 October 1842.

[8] This name appears as Ashwell McGee in *Wake County Court Minutes for 1834*, 269.

[9] *Orange County Deed Book #30*: 295, 297-8, and *#32*: 391, and 594.

[9a] *Wake County Deed Book #21*: 668-670.

[10] *Wake County Court Minutes for 1834*: 268.

1142 WILLIAM RHODES HERNDON m in Wake County 10 December 1821 SARAH E. ROGERS.

1143 EDMUND H. HERNDON m in Wake County 10 December ELIZABETH BAGLEY.

1144 MARY HERNDON m first 24 September 1824 THOMAS LAMBETH; m secondly, probably in Fayette County, Tenn., TOBIAS GRIDER who joined with her in petitioning for the settlement of her father's estate, and had issue:

(1) Valeria Grider, who lived at Concordia, one mile north of Carson Landing, Bolivar Co., Miss., *ca* 1890.

1145 BENJAMIN RHODES HERNDON (b 1801, Orange County, N. C.) married twice. By his first wife, JANE SHAW (b 1805), daughter of John Shaw (who died testate in Wake County in 1847) whom he married in Wake County 4 October 1826, he had issue: [11]

(1) Samuel Henry Herndon (b 21 January 1828, Nashville, Tenn.; d 1882, Bolivar County, Miss.), was a carpenter, mechanic, and farmer; served during the Civil War in Company A, second Mississippi " Army of 10,000 ", after an original enlistment in the 13th Mississippi Regiment, CSA. After the War he went to Star City, Ark., where he taught school, became a member of the National Grange, and married 2 February 1871 Mary Lavender (b 24 August 1840; d 28 November 1918), and had issue, 2 sons and 3 daughters.

(2) Mary Agnes Herndon (b 23 February 1829, Nashville, Tenn.; d 22 September 1885) m 24 January 1849 Reverend Marmaduke Young Moran (b 7 November 1818; d 23 November 1883), a Baptist minister, and had issue, 5 sons and 7 daughters.

(3) William M. Herndon (b ca 1831) m in Fayette County, Tenn., 15 December 1856 Martha A. Howard.

(4) John Shaw Herndon (b ca 1833) m Elizabeth A. ——— (b ca 1837); a farmer, living near Somerville, Fayette County, Tenn., 1870, when they had four daughters.

(5) Benjamin J. Herndon (b 1835, Alabama) enlisted in Company I, 42nd Regiment of Georgia Infantry, CSA, 10 March 1862, at Atlanta. He was captured 4 July 1863 at Vicksburg, Miss., and paroled. By consolidation of organizations about 9 April 1865 his regiment became the new 42nd Regiment in which he was serving as a corporal in Company F when he was paroled at Greensboro, N. C., 1 May 1865, in accordance with the terms of a Military Convention there agreed to. He went to Star City, Ark., to visit his people, and died there in 1872 from consumption which he had contracted while in the hospital where his brother Thomas Herndon died from pneumonia during the Civil War.

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[11] Much of the information concerning descendants of Benjamin Rhodes Herndon was furnished by Mrs. Grace Evans, of Nevada, Texas, a granddaughter of Mary Agnes (Herndon) Moran.

(6) Henderson Owen Herndon (b 1839) enlisted 11 June 1861 at Poplar Springs, Miss., CSA., and served as late as October 1864; m Nannie ———, and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.

(7) Rebecca Jane Herndon m in Bolivar County, Miss., Frank Gentry, and had issue, 5 sons and 2 daughters.

(8) Thomas Herndon (b 1843), d of pneumonia, in hospital at Macon, Ga., of pneumonia.

(9) Sarah Catherine Herndon (b ca 1845) m Thomas Lewis, a widower, of Vicksburg, Miss., with one daughter, Ann Mary Lewis. They settled in Louisville, Ky., and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.

(10) Zachery Taylor Herndon (b 1847), d in Dallas, Texas.

BENJAMIN RHODES HERNDON m secondly Mrs. FANNY ATKINS, a widow with two children, Alonzo and Susan Atkins. He lived in Fayette County, Tenn., between 1840 and 1850. Issue:

(11) Louisa Herndon (dsp 1881) m William Wilson.

1146 JOHN RHODES HERNDON removed to Fayette County, Tenn., before 1840; was married, and had issue, names unknown.

1147 REBECCA C. HERNDON m in Orange County 1 March 1828 HENDERSON OWEN, who in 1835 acted as administrator of the estate of Zachariah Herndon. By 1840 they had located in Fayette County, Tenn.

1148 FRANCES C. HERNDON m in Orange County 26 January 1831 WILLIAM N. HIGH.

Children of Edmund Herndon and Elizabeth High: [12]

1149 CAROLINE C. HERNDON m in Orange County 4 February 1840 HUGH E. LYON.

1150 RUFUS H. HERNDON lived with his older half-brother, Benjamin Rhodes Herndon, in 1850 in Fayette County, Tenn. There he married 24 December 1854 Miss F. H. PEAK, and had a son.

(1) Samuel P. Herndon, removed to Tampa, Fla., in 1881; m ———, had 3 sons and 1 daughter.

1151 ALSEY HIGH HERNDON, also living with Benjamin Rhodes Herndon in 1850, and like Rufus H. Herndon, named as an heir-at-law, under age in 1840, of Edmund Herndon.

1152 MARTHA ANN HERNDON m in Orange County 7 May 1840 THOMAS P. CLEMENTS, removed to Weakly County, Tenn., where they lived at the time of the equity suits mentioned above. They also signed, as next friend of the two youngest Herndon girls named below.

1153 AGNES A. HERNDON, in Weakly County, Tenn., in 1842.

1154 CANDACE B. HERNDON, in Weakly County, Tenn., in 1842.

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[12] When she died, she left "seven children to mourn her loss"; but we have ascertained the name of only six. It is possible that Hawkins E. Herndon was her oldest son, rather than a son of Pomfrett and Marina (Shaw) Herndon.

#277 LEWIS HERNDON [40 George] was born *ca.* 1772, Orange County, N. C. He married 27 December 1796 POLLY BOOTH (d *ante* 7 September 1824) daughter of Joseph and Sarah Booth. Joseph Booth, in his Will, dated 7 September 1824, made bequests to his son Joseph and to six of his seven daughters and to his grandchildren " children of my daughter Mary Herndon dec'd: Joseph B. Herndon, George Herndon, Lewis Herndon, Willis Herndon, and Mary Herndon." Lewis Herndon in his Will, dated 18 July 1817, requested his wife Polly " to keep our children together and maintain and educate them; " mentions each child by name as above, except to call his daugher " Polly " instead of the more formal Mary, and provided that each, on coming of age, should receive $500; named his brother-in-law Joseph Booth Jr., and his friend Sampson Moore executors and his wife Polly Herndon, executors. David Castleberry and Mark and Polly Beasley were witnesses. David Castleberry and David George were witnesses later to the Will of Joseph Booth Sr., mentioned above.

At the November Term 1818 of the Wake County Court it approved a report of George Brasfield, Zachariah Reach, James Hopson, and Brinkley George, who had been appointed to divide the lands belonging to Lewis Herndon, deceased, which allotted to Joseph B. Herndon, 106 acres; to George Herndon, 190 acres; to Willis Herndon, 241 acres; to Lewis Herndon, 77 acres, and $240.20 in cash. No mention was made of Mary Herndon, sister of these four brothers in this report.[1] These lands were next to tracts belonging to Edmund Herndon [#276], Joseph Booth, and Chesley George.

Children of Lewis Herndon and Polly Booth:

1155 JOSEPH BOOTH HERNDON.

1156 GEORGE HERNDON (b 1798 in Orange County, N. C.) m ELIZABETH ——— entered claims to land in Lauderdale County, Alabama, in 1831, and when the Census of 1830 was taken, his family consisted of himself, his wife, and three children: 2 boys and 1 girl, all between 5 and 10 years of age. His wife's sister, it would appear, also lived with George and Elizabeth Herndon in 1850, and there was a widow named Margaret Edwards, aged 43, whose daughter Mary Edwards (born in Florence Alabama), also lived with the Herndons. In 1860 George Herndon was listed as a planter owning $20,000 worth of real estate and $35,375 personalty. George Herndon had been a bondsman for his brother, Lewis, when the latter married in 1822.

1157 LEWIS HERNDON (b 1800) purchased from his brother Joseph B. Herndon the lands he had received from their father's estate. He m in Wake County, N. C., 10 January 1822 ANNIE SIMMONS HOPSON (b 1805).

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1 *Wake County Deed Book #19: 79.*

They soon thereafter adopted her nephew Thomas Brinkley Hopson, Jr., when he was 2 weeks old. (Thomas B. Hopson, Jr. later married and had seven children, one of whom was Elizabeth Hopson whom Robado Fisher Herndon married.) Lewis Herndon's Will dated 13 June 1867, was recorded 27 May 1869.[2] Therein he left all his property to his wife for her life, with my adopted son Thomas Brinkley Hopson, Jr.," as remainderman. Annie Hopson Herndon, in her Will dated 14 January 1878 and recorded 22 August 1879,[3] left 500 acres and all her personal property to Thomas B. Hopson, Jr.

1158 WILLIS HERNDON (b 1801, N. C.; d ante 1860, Henderson County, Tenn.) m ca 1830 POLLY LEWIS (b 1811, N. C.) whose mother Letty Lewis (b 1775) made her home with them in 1850. Polly (Lewis) Herndon lived at Craven's Mills, Wayne County, Tenn., 1860. Issue:

(1) Lotty Jane Herndon (1831-1850).

(2) Joseph Lewis Herndon (b 1833), killed during the Civil War; m ——, and had a daughter Mrs. Mollie (Herndon) Martin, of Los Angeles.

(3) George S. Herndon (b 1835).

(4) Sarah E. Herndon (b 1837) m ——— Foster, lived near Wyldersvill, Tenn., and had Sally, Will, and Irene Foster.

(5) Willis H. Herndon (b 1839; d ca 1900) m Ossie Burroughs, of Florence, Alabama, and had a daughter Annie Eulalia Herndon who m Robert Jones.

(6) James F. Herndon (b 1841; d ca 1900) m Georgia Brown, of Florence, Ala. He owned with his brothers Willis and John Parker Herndon adjoining farms near Trimble, Gibson County, Tenn., a small town on the Illinois Central R. R.

(7) John Parker Herndon (b 6 September 1843, Lexington, Henderson County, Tenn.; d 14 February 1936,[4] Louisville, Ky.) C.S.A., wounded during the Battle of Mobile; "a man of high literary attainments, poet and writer of considerable local renown, one of Ayersburg, Tenn.'s, most highly respected and beloved citizens";[5] m Sarah Harget (d 29 April 1887), of Trimble, Tenn., and had issue, 1 son and 2 daughters.

(8) Plurina D. Herndon (b 1849).

(9) Melissa R. Herndon (b 1851).

1159 MARY BOOTH HERNDON m in Orange County, N. C., 17 November 1823 WILLIAM B. WORRELL.

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[2] *Orange County Will Book H: 7.*

[3] *Ibid.*, 212.

[4] Dates furnished by his daughter Evelyn Herndon (Mrs. J. H.) Green, of Louisville. The Louisville *Courier Journal* in a funeral notice said that his body was returned to Trimble, Tenn., for burial in the Old Chapel Cemetery there, and that he was survived by 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, in addition to Mrs. J. H. Green at whose home he died.

[5] Quoted from a History of Tennessee, in a sketch of his son Frederick Bryant Herndon.

#278 DELILAH HERNDON [40 George] was born about 1774 in Orange County, N. C., and died there testate in 1838. She was married there 19 April 1792 to WILLIAM RHODES, JR., one of the sons of William Rhodes who died in January 1804. [See *Rhodes Excursus*, p 265.]

The first mention of William Rhodes, Jr., in the Orange County Minutes is on 27 May 1793 when he qualified as constable for Saint Mark's District. The following August he was appointed, along with Abner Peelor and Thomas Browning, as a patrol for that district. On 3 March 1798 he, Page Patterson, Zachariah Herndon and Ezekiel Trice were appointed a patrol for Capt. Rhodes' Company. The next May the Court Minutes read:

> Chesley Page Patterson, WILLIAM RHODES JUN., Ezekial [*sic*] Trice and John Hyde are appointed a patrol for Capt. Herendon's [Zachariah Herndon's] company.

Shortly after the death of WILLIAM RHODES, JR., in the summer of 1820, the Orange County Court at its August term appointed his brother-in-law Zachariah Herndon administrator of his estate. He furnished bond in the sum of $10,000, with Sampson Moore and Wm. Barbee as sureties.

Just two years later that Court designated William Rhodes, a son of the decedent, also called William Rhodes, Jr., guardian to his brothers and sisters who were then minors, namely, Dicey Rhodes, Zachariah Rhodes, Delilah Rhodes, and George W. Rhodes. He furnished bond of $1,200 for each child, with Mark Pickett and Thomas Hutchins as sureties.

A suit in equity for the distribution of the estate of William Rhodes, then called William Rhodes, Sr., was soon thereafter started. The following notice concerning it appeared in the *Hillsboro Recorder* in its issue of Wednesday 11 June 1823:

> State of N. Car. Orange Co.
> Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, May Term, 1823.
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> William Rhodes, Zachariah Rhodes,
> Delilah Rhodes, and George Rhodes
> vs.
> Zachariah Herndon, adm. of William Rhodes, senior, deceased, Benjamin Pattersall and Penny his wife, John Hutchins and Sally his wife, Amos Hurley and Polly his wife, Robert Smith and Mildred his wife, and Delilah Rhodes, widow of Wm. Rhodes, sr. dec'd.
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> Petition for the distribution of the estate of Wm. Rhodes, sr. dec'd.
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> It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Amos Hurley and Polly his wife, Robert Smith and Mildred his wife, are inhabitants of the State of Tennessee:

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Hillsborough Recorder for 6 weeks, that the said Amos Hurley and Polly his wife, Robert Smith and Mildred his wife appear at the next term of this court, on the fourth Monday in August next, at the courthouse in Hillsborough, to plead, answer, or demur, otherwise said petition will be taken *pro confesso* against them and heard *ex parte*.

Test. John Taylor, Clerk.

There follows the Will of DELILAH HERNDON RHODES: [1]

In the name of God Amen. I DELILAH RHODES of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina being in sound mind and memory. Constitute and Ordain this my last Will and Testament Revoking all wills by me heretofore made and after paying all my debts I give and bequeath to Sarah Hutchens one hundred & Twenty five Dollars In Cash.

I give and bequeath ZACHARIAH RHODES three children (Viz) Lowry Jane Cozby Ann Claudeus Jasper these three named children to Receive One Hundred & Twenty five dollars in cash.

I give and bequeath to GEORGE W. RHODES One Hundred & twenty five dollars in cash.

I give and bequeath to DICEY RHODES One Hundred & Twenty five Dollars in cash.

I give and bequeath to CAROLINE JANE RHODES One Hundred Dollars in money her choice bed bedsted and its necessary furniture one saddle and bridle one choice chest one cow her choice one walnut Table one band box one looking glass six earthern plates one cotton wheel and cards. One sow and pigs her choice one large earthern dish one set of cups and saucers one set of knives and forks one pitcher choice one oven one pot two skillets pot hooks and pot rack one sorrel filley.

I give and bequeath to PENNEY PATTESHALL Twenty Dollars in Cash.

I give & bequeath to MARY HURLEY Twenty Dollars Cash.

I give and bequeath to DELILAH PATTESHALL Twenty Dollars In Cash.

I give and bequeath to MILLEY SMITH Twenty Dollars In Cash.

I give and bequeath to WM. RHODES' children Twenty Dollars to be Devided amongest the whole of them. The balance of my property should there be any after paying off the above named bequests is my desire shall be Devided Equally between SALLY HUTCHINS, ZACHARIAH RHODES' three above named Children, GEORGE W. RHODES and DICEY RHODES.

In Witness whereof I have Hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of November 1837.

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DELILAH X RHODES
mark

Test
Samuel Couch
Wm. Trice, Jr.

Orange County February Term 1838

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[1] *Orange County Will Book F: 6.*

The Execution of the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Delilah Rhodes dec'd. was duly proved in open court by the oath of Samuel Couch a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be Recorded.
The above will of Delilah Rhodes is recorded in Will Book "F" at page 6 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Orange County, Hillsboro, N. C.

Children of William Rhodes and Delilah Herndon:

1160 WILLIAM RHODES (b 1793; d October 1834) m in Orange County, N. C. 4 November 1815 PENELOPE TRICE. She married secondly 18 May 1837 David Vickers, who in 1843 was appointed guardian to Zachariah Rhodes and Dennis Rhodes, two of her sons. The names of WILLIAM RHODES' children are taken from a Deed of Settlement, agreed to at the November 1843 term of Court for Orange County. This deed, dated 4 December 1843, will be found in Book 31, page 31, Orange County Deeds, indexed as David and Penelope Vickers. Issue of WILLIAM RHODES and PENELOPE TRICE:

(1) Frances Rhodes m 15 April 1936 James Vickers;
(2) Melinda Rhodes m 27 December 1840 George W. Vickers;
(3) Willie T. Rhodes m 20 November 1838 Penny Barbee;
(4) James W. Rhodes;
(5) Pleasant Rhodes m 11 December 1850 Amy Trice;
(6) William W. Rhodes, in Nov. 1843 Willis B. Dilliard was his guardian;
(7) Zachariah Rhodes (b 1830);
(8) Dennis Rhodes (b 1833).

1161 PENELOPE RHODES (b *ca* 1795; d *post* 1860) m *ante* 1823 BENJAMIN PATTISHALL (b 1790), and had issue, possibly among others:

(1) George W. Pattishall (b *ca* 1825);
(2) King H. Pattishall (b *ca* 1830);
(3) Dicey C. Pattishall (b *ca* 1835).

1162 MARY RHODES (b ca 1797) m 25 February 1817 AMOS HURLEY; moved to Tennessee *ante* 1823.

1163 SARAH RHODES (b *ca* 1799) m in Orange Co., N. C., JOHN HUTCHINS. He d *ante* 28 February 1834 when his wife's brother William Rhodes was appointed guardian to his four orphans. After William Rhodes' death William N. Pratt was named guardian for these children:

(1) William Washington Hutchins m, as his second wife, his first cousin, Hawkins Angeline Rhodes;
(2) Louisa Ann Hutchins;
(3) Thomas Alec Newton Hutchins;
(4) Phoebe Emmaline Hutchins m 9 March 1856 George M. Shepherd [#1266], *q.v.*

SARAH (RHODES) HUTCHINS m secondly THOMAS MARCOM [#302] *q.v.*, as his second wife.

1164 CAROLINE JANE RHODES (b *ca* 1800) m 20 December 1837 LEWIS K. JONES.

1165 MILDRED RHODES (b *ca* 1801) m *ante* 1823 ROBERT SMITH and settled in Tennessee.

1166 CANDACE ("Dicey") RHODES (b *ca* 1803) m in Orange Co., N. C., 30 May 1835, as his second wife, ANDERSON RHODES (b 1800; d testate 1880, Orange County, N. C.), and had issue:
- (1) Hawkins Angeline Rhodes (1836-1926) m, as his second wife, her first cousin, William Washington Hutchins, and had issue, 1 daughter.
- (2) Delilah Mildred Rhodes (b 3 October 1837; d 26 June 1898) m 14 October 1856 her second cousin Thomas Seawell Herndon (b 19 July 1832; d July 1882), and had issue 7 sons and 2 daughters. Thomas Seawell Herndon was a grandson of William Herndon #294, *q. v.*
- (3) Ecce Cumi Rhodes (b 1841) m 24 December 1872, as his second wife, Robert Johnson Jeffries, and had issue, 4 daughters.
- (4) Martha Rhodes (b 1843) m Silas Hutchins: had issue.
- (5) Nazor R. Rhodes (b 1845) m 1 July 1879 Savannah Poe: had issue.

1167 ZACHARIAH RHODES (b *ca* 1805: d ante 1840) m 20 March 1829 Sarah Leathers, and had:
- (1) Laura Jane Rhodes (b 1832);
- (2) Cosby Ann Rhodes (b 1834) m 31 January 1854 Willie B. Garrard;
- (3) Claudius Jaspar Rhodes (b 1836).

1168 GEORGE W. RHODES (b 1807) was living, 1823.

1169 DELILAH RHODES (b 1810) m in Chatham Co., N. C., *ca* 1826 WILLIAM PATTISHALL (d *ante* 1860), and had, possibly among others:
- (1) Zachariah Pattishall (b 1827);
- (2) Manley Pattishall (b 1828), school teacher, and later, minister;
- (3) Penelope C. Pattishall (b *ca* 1835);
- (4) William Rhodes Pattishall (b *ca* 1837); and
- (5) P. Murchison Pattishall (b *ca* 1840).

RHODES EXCURSUS

The first known settlement by white persons within the limits of the present Orange and Durham Counties was made about 1741. Orange County was erected out of Granville in 1752. The records of the first court of the new county are preserved and show that its first session was held 9 September 1752 at the home of Mr. John Gray on Eno River. Among its duties was the appointment of commissioners of the roads. One such entry reads:

> Mark Morgan, John Patterson and William Rhodes [Commissioners of the Road] from the lower line of the County up between Neuse River and Haw River to the trading path [established earlier by the Indians].

The same road commissioners were reappointed in 1753. It is known that Mark Morgan and John Patterson located in the Orange area in the 1740's. William Rhodes I received his first land grant 26 April 1753 and was probably a resident there as early as 1745. That grant was for

640 acres on both sides of New Hope Creek. William Rhodes I died testate in 1754. His estate was divided among his six children whose order of birth is unknown:

(a) William Rhodes II, of whom later;
(b) Benjamin Rhodes, who was a taxpayer in Orange in 1756;
(c) Hannah Rhodes, whose husband was Daniel McCleland;
(d) John Rhodes, who lived in Rowan County in 1755;
(e) daughter who m a Bohannon, probably Duncan Bohannon; and
(f) Hezekiah Rhodes, who received a land grant 20 November 1761 for 428 acres on the third fork of New Hope Creek and died testate, 1806.

It seems almost certain that this original settler in Orange County was the William Rhodes, born in Middlesex County, Va., baptized 28 May 1689, son of Ezekias [*i.e.*, Hezekiah] and Elizabeth Rhodes. (*Parish Register of Christ Church*, 46.) A Christopher Rhodes was also an early settler in Orange County and lived in the same neighborhood as the first William Rhodes. Christopher Rhodes and Joseph Barbee owned 5 slaves, *jointly*, according to the 1756 Orange County tax list.

William Rhodes II was born about 1730 and was listed as a taxpayer in 1756, accounting for a slave owned jointly by himself and his brother whose Christian name was not listed. In this earliest surviving Orange County tax list there were named 983 taxable "white polls" and 130 taxable "black polls." His first land grant was issued 11 May 1757 for 429 acres on Baker's Creek adjoining Bohannan's line. [Grant 391, File #131, Book #12: p 27] and his next issued 9 February 1761 for 558 acres "across a prong of Jumping Run." [Grant #74, Book #12: p 26] He had received from John Patterson 22 acres by a deed, recorded in March 1759. He was justice of the peace for many years and served on numerous road juries. He was a private in Capt. William Williams' company of the Seventh Orange County Militia, commanded by Col. Butler. [The full roster of this company is preserved in the Archives at Raleigh.] During and after the American Revolution he received grants as follows:

640 acres "on the Third Fork of New Hope . . . Benjamin Rhodes corner;" entered 7 July 1778; issued 25 October 1782 [Grant #462, File 1287, Book 49: p. 23].

624¾ acres "on the first and second creek of New Hope;" entered 4 August 1779; issued 9 November 1784. [Grant #734, File #1597; Book 57: p. 121.]

The name of his wife is not definitely established but she is believed to have been Mary Baker. In his Will he mentioned his wife Mary, also a

son named Benjamin Baker Rhodes. Moreover, he owned land on Baker's Creek.

In his Will, dated 16 September 1802, proved February 1804, he named his wife Mary and his 3 sons and 8 daughters. They were:

(a) Benjamin Baker Rhodes;
(b) John Rhodes;
(c) William [regularly called William Rhodes, Jr., until his father's death, m Delilah Herndon];
(d) Elizabeth Grissom [i.e., Gresham];
(e) Nancy Grissom [i.e., Gresham];
(f) Mary Pattishall;
(g) Frances [who m John Barbee, son of John Barbee and his wife Sarah Patterson, daughter of John Patterson and his wife Sarah Murrin];
(h) Hannah Motley;
(i) Mitchell [m 28 June 1785 Joshua] Horn;
(j) Amelia [m 28 June 1789 Zachariah] Herndon; and
(k) Rebecca [m 14 February 1784 Edmund] Herndon.

The executors named were Chesley Page Patterson, John Rhodes (son of Benjamin), Benjamin Baker Rhodes, and Fielding Lewis. The witnesses were James Wilson, William Herndon [#294], Henry Trice, and James Hutchins.

#280 LARKIN HERNDON [41 David] was born about 1769 in Caroline County, Va.,[1] and died, estate, 1850 in Russell County, Va. He married first, in Caswell County, N. C., 13 February 1790 ELIZABETH TERRELL, with Solomon Parks on their marriage bond. He married again in Caswell County 22 August 1802 SOPHIA JOHNSTON (b 1769), with Richard Johnston, her brother, surety on their marriage bond. She was a daughter of Larkin Johnston (1727-1816) and his wife Mary Rogers (1725-1800), daughter of John and Rachel (Eastham) Rogers.[2]

Larkin and Sophia Herndon settled in Russell County, Va., where 2 September 1806 he purchased from Edward and Margaret Jones 100 acres in the New Garden district.[3] On 15 December 1825 he purchased 86 more acres.[4] By 1837 he was a justice of the peace for Russell

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[1] The Russell County, Va., 1850 Census, gives the unusual information of the County of his birth as well as listing him as 81 years of age.

[2] Hopewell L. Rogers: *Some of the Descendants of Giles Rogers*, item 1449.

[3] *Russell County Deed Book #4:* 10.

[4] *Russell County Deed Book #7:* 244.

County.[5] On 20 June 1840 he purchased from his son-in-law Jacob Combs and daughter Margaret (Herndon) Combs 100 acres in Hayter Valley which Larkin and Sophia conveyed 6 April 1841 to James Artrip for $650.[6] In his Will, dated 28 May 1850 and proved 3 December 1850,[7] he provided that his son Reuben Herndon should receive the sugar-tree corner place where he then lived; that the balance of his lands should go to his wife during her life; that "if the two black boys William and Isaac get impudent and contrary", they should be sold; and after the death or remarriage of his wife the property should be divided, with specific legacies to designated grandchildren and sons-in-law, and the balance among his other children Edward, Frankey, Peggy, and Sarah Jessee. (The named grandchildren were Sarah Jessee, Margaret Jessee, and Mary Jessee, William J. Farrell and Sophia Farrell; the sons-in-law being Archer Jessee and Andrew Farrell.)

Sophia (Johnston) Herndon was living at the time of the taking of the 1860 census. She was then described as "blind from fever" 89 years old, born in North Carolina, and her personal estate valued at $1,480. She was really then 91 years of age, according to the family Bible record. She died before March 1862 when the Russell County Court, as a result of a suit in chancery, permitted James V. Claypool to purchase for $1,600 the lands that had formerly belonged to Larkin Herndon.

Children of Larkin Herndon and Elizabeth Terrell:

1170 EDWARD HERNDON (b 12 August 1792, Caswell County, N. C.; d testate 6 January 1857, Boone County, Ind.) [8] lived as a child near Yanceyville, N. C.; accompanied his father and step-mother to Russell County, Va., where their home was on a tract on the Clinch River; m first NANCY HOWARD (b 19 October 1794, Caswell Co., N. C.; d 25 July 1847, Boone County, Ind.),[9] and had issue the four children named below. In 1830 they settled in Jackson township, Boone Co., four miles north of Jamestown, Indiana.[10] He and his wife are buried in neglected graveyard near their home. He married, secondly, *ante* 1851, Mrs. HESTER BABER, whose son Wm. M. Baber (b 1833, Indiana) made his home with his mother and step-father when the 1850 census was taken.

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[5] *Russell County Deed Book #10:* 191.

[6] *Russell County Deed Book #11:* 113.

[7] *Russell County Will Book #6:* 280.

[8] Tombstone inscription, contributed by H. H. Martindale, Vero Beach, Fla., by letter dated 21 July 1941.

[9] The tombstone year of birth is given as 1784, presumably in error for 1794.

[10] Mr. Martindale says 1831. Custer: *History of Boone County*, vol. i: 101 gives the date as 1830 and names the Messers. Howard, John T. Hurt, Mekin Hurt, and others, all from Russell County, Va., as settlers in Boone County at the same time.

Edward Herndon provided in his Will,[11] dated 19 March 1856 and proved. 8 January 1857, that his wife Hester was to "take all the property she brought" to him on their marriage and that his own estate was to be divided among his four children:

(1) Sarah J. Herndon m 16 December 1838 Lewis Milton Clements;
(2) Mary B. Herndon m 28 December John N. Clements;
(3) Elizabeth L. Herndon m Joseph Ballard, lived in Boone Co., Ind., and had issue, 2 sons and 2 daughters;
(4) William Franklin Herndon (b 1825, Va.) m *ca.* 1848 Frances Ann ———; lived in Boone County in 1850 and had issue then, a daughter Nancy J. Herndon, b 1849.

1171 Reuben Herndon (b 1794, N. C.) lived all his adult life on Thompsons Creek, Russell Co., Va. He owned three tracts of 5, 28, and 33 acres which he sold 1 March 1860 to his brother-in-law Jacob Combs at whose home he later lived. In 1850 his half-sister Frankey Herndon made her home with him.

1172 Betsy Herndon.

1173 Sarah Herndon.

One of these daughters m ——— Semple, and had a son, E. S. Semple, who in 1882 removed to and settled at Rothwell, Kentucky.

1174 Margaret Herndon (b 1800, N. C.) m Jacob Combs; lived in New Garden township, Russell County, Va., where he was a miller. In 1870 their daughter Margaret Combs (b 1837, Va.) lived with them.

Children of Larkin Herndon and Sophia Johnston:

1175 Daughter Herndon m Andrew Farrell, and had issue at least the two following children named in the Will of their grandfather Herndon:

(1) William J. Farrell;
(2) Sophia Farrell.

1176 Rachel Herndon (d 1833) m 1826 as his second wife, Archer Jessee[12] (b 1776, Caswell Co., N. C.; d 1862, Russell County, Va.), son of John Jessee, a musician in Yarborough's Regiment during the Revolution, and his wife, Frankey Lea. (John and Frankey Jessee lived in Caswell County 1778-1787; bought land in Russell County, Va., 1791.) Archer Jessee had married first, 1798 Nancy Browning, by whom he had nine children; he married thirdly, 1835 Mary J. W. Owens, by whom he had two children.[13] He and Rachel Herndon had issue:[14]

(1) Larkin L. Jessee (1827-1844)
(2) Margaret Jessee (b 1829)
(3) Mary Jessee (b 1831)
(4) Sarah Jessee (b 1832)

1177 Frankey Herndon, mentioned above.

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[11] *Boone County Will Book #1:* 42.

[12] Mrs. J. H. Letton, Valrico, Florida, by letter dated 25 August 1939, furnished considerable data pertaining to Archer Jessee and his family.

[13] These children were, by first wife, John, Vincent, William, James B., David, Elizabeth, Nancy, Archer, and Dicey Jessee; and by third wife, were Rebecca O. Jessee and Andrew J. Jessee. The spelling Jesse is sometimes used.

[14] The daughters named were mentioned in the Will of their grandfather Larkin Herndon.

#283 EDMUND HERNDON [41 David] was born 1777 in Caswell County, N. C. He was an executor of his father's estate in Orange County, N. C. There he m 26 November 1810 ELIZABETH GRAHAM. He returned to Caswell County and settled on the land devised to him by his father's Will and died there in 1840 leaving a Will dated 2 August 1836, probated October 1840.[1] Issue (marriages in Caswell County, order of birth not known):

1178 FRANCES HERNDON m 29 November 1847 GEORGE GARRISON.
1179 ELIZABETH HERNDON m 21 December 1832 JAMES T. SMITH.
1180 SARAH HERNDON m 25 October 1855 JAMES PAGE.
1181 GEORGE HERNDON m first ———, and had
(1) John E. Herndon (1850-1913) m in Alamance Co., N. C., Susan, daughter of James M. Hurdle; and had 2 sons and 2 daughters, His own Will was dated 27 April 1909, with codicil dated 2 December 1911, and probated 21 June 1913.
(2) William M. Herndon (b 1851) m 13 December 1882 Harriet P. Hester (b 1857).
(3) Thomas G. Herndon (b 1853).
GEORGE HERNDON m secondly 18 January 1866 MARTHA ALDRIDGE whom he named in his Will dated 25 November 1893, probated 1904. He was a farmer living in Anderson township, Caswell County.
1182 WILLIAM HERNDON.
1183 MARTHA HERNDON m 14 October 1846 AMZA BOSWELL.
1184 LUCINDA HERNDON.
1185 EDMUND HERNDON m 26 August 1851 MARY BOSWELL.

#284 GEORGE HERNDON [41 David] was born 26 March 1779, Caswell County, N. C. and died about 1848 and was buried at Ruhanna Church, S. C. He married in Caswell County 22 December 1805 PRISCILLA WELLS (b 15 October 1791; d 10 August 1856, and buried, Bethel Presbyterian Churchyard, Chattooga County, Ga.); removed to Fork township, Anderson County, S. C., in 1818.

Children of George Herndon and Priscilla Wells:

1186 EDMUND HERNDON (b 12 October 1807, Caswell County, N. C.; Will dated 14 April 1877, codicil 12 July 1888; died in his 91st year shortly before 26 February 1898, date of its probate, Oconee County, S. C.), member of the S. C. Legislature and in 1885 of the South Carolina State Constitutional Convention; m SELENA S——— (d between 1877 and 1888) and had:

[1] *Caswell County Will Book B*, p. 487.

(1) Mary E. Herndon m ——— Cole.
(2) Frances P. Herndon m ——— Cole.
(3) Emily J. Herndon m ——— Moorehead.
(4) Lucinda M. C. Herndon m ——— Pendley.
(5) Samuel George Herndon (b 1846, Anderson County, S. C.; d 1876, on his farm near Walhalla, S. C.), was a merchant at Tunnell Hill, S. C., when the Civil War started; promptly volunteered, served in Company A, Orr's Regiment of Rifles; lost his left arm in June 1862 at Gaines Mills, Va.; honorably discharged, October 1862; promptly elected tax collector, Old Pickens District; displaced Carpetbag rule; m Rhoda A. Billingsley (1841-1916), daughter of Andrew Billingsley, of Georgia; had issue 2 sons and 3 daughters, for whom he provided in his Will.
(6) Narcissa P. Herndon m ——— Rumsey.
(7) Harriet E. Herndon m ——— Warnock.
(8) Matilda Antoinette Herndon, d unm., executrix under the Will of her father.
(9) Susan J. Herndon m Jule Knox, of Westminster, S. C. In a graveyard near their home EDMUND and SELENA S. HERNDON are buried.
(10) Issaqueena Toccoa Herndon (b ca 1851; d ante 1888) m Samuel T. Hubbard; had issue, daughters named Nora Antoinette Hubbard and Eula Alta Hubbard.
(11) L——— S——— (daughter) Herndon m ——— Johnson.

1187 JAMES HERNDON (b 6 February 1809, S. C.; d 1898, Chattooga County, Ga.) moved to Chattooga County during 1840's; became its sheriff; member, Baptist Church; m ———, and had issue:
(1) Caroline Herndon m Robert Patrick.
(2) Mary Herndon m ——— Yeargan.
(3) Andrew Herndon.

James Herndon m secondly ELIZABETH BRYANT (d 1887) and had:
(4) Norma Herndon m ——— Moss.
(5) Emma Herndon m ——— Hilley.
(6) Edmund Herndon.
(7) August Herndon.
(8) William Thomas Herndon (b 10 June 1853, Chattooga County, Ga.; d 17 October 1929, Pike County, Ark.), surveyor of Pike County, 1909 to 1929; m 1876 Susan Elizabeth Buffington (d 17 May 1908), of Macon Ga.; and had issue, 3 sons and 4 daughters.

1188 JONATHAN HERNDON (b 13 June 1810), was murdered in Mississippi during 1830's.

1189 JOSIAH HERNDON (b 7 March 1812; d 7 June 1891).

1190 ZEPHANIAH HERNDON (b 2 March 1814; d August 1905, Atlanta, Ga.) m near Holland's Store, Anderson County, S. C., MARY TINSLEY GLENN (b 6 September 1818; d December 1904), removed from Anderson to Oconee County in 1863; issue, all born in Anderson County, S. C.:
(1) William Claudius Herndon (b 18 June 1837), CSA, killed 28 October 1863, during Battle of Lookout Mountain, Tenn.
(2) Eveline Frances Herndon (b 1 June 1840; d 1925, Atlanta, Ga. m ——— Campbell.
(3) Nancy Caroline Herndon (b 8 August 1842; d ca 1915 near Royston, Ga.) m ——— Boleman.

(4) Mildred Ann Herndon (b 24 March 1845; d 18 March 1885) m Allen R. Elliott, and had a son, Rev. T. M. Elliott, of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church.

(5) Reverend George Lawrence Herndon (b 16 March 1848, near Starr, S. C.; d 21 March 1932) m 7 October 1874 Sarah Hunter Warnock (d 8 August 1923; buried, Bowman, Ga.), daughter of Capt. John and Mary Warnock; had issue, 1 son, Dillard Claudius Herndon who m Flora Herndon, of Hart Co., Ga.; and 6 daughters, Mary Augusta Herndon who m Samuel Andrew George Herndon, of Tyler, Texas; Myra Birdie Herndon (m Jessee Clifton Hartley); Sarah Elinor Herndon (m J. H. Bailey, 2nd S. J. Brown); Lillie Herndon (1886-1887); Emma Herndon (m Linton L. Wallis); and Turna Herndon (m T. M. Leeson).

(6) Rosa Jane Herndon (b 22 December 1850; d 20 August 1863).

(7) Dillard Thompson Herndon (14 December 1854; d 4 September 1863).

(8) Zephaniah Mack Swain Herndon [1] (b 22 September 1858; was living 1937, Belton, S. C.) m at Westminster, S. C., 12 October 1881 Margaret Tallulah Kay, daughter of George Washington Kay, and had issue, 5 sons and 3 daughters, all born near Fair Play, S. C.

1191 George Mabin Herndon (b 12 April 1816).

1192 Abbie Herndon (b May 1818; d ca 1890) m William Harrison, of Anderson County, S. C.

1193 Sarah Herndon (b 23 October 1821) m ——— Crawford; resided, Rome, Ga.

1194 Priscilla Herndon (b 5 August 1823) m ——— Harris; resided in Mississippi.

1195 Cyrus Miles Herndon (b 8 January 1825; d 27 December 1892).

1196 Lucretia Elizabeth Herndon (b 9 June 1827) m ——— Crawford; lived near Rome, Ga.

1197 Reuben Thompson Herndon (b 9 March 1829, York Co., S. C.; d 15 April 1899) removed 1849 to Chattooga County, Ga.; m 7 February 1865 Martha Lucretia Wear (b 12 April 1836, Gaylesville, Cherokee County, Alabama; d 20 November 1911); and had:

(1) Donald Wear Herndon [2] (b 23 December 1879, Chattooga Co., Ga.) graduated Atlanta Dental College, 1904; practised in LaFayette, Ga., 1904-1927, and thereafter in Gadsden, Ala.; was mayor of LaFayette several terms; m first, 7 June 1905 Susie Holland (d 20 April 1920), by whom he had issue, 2 sons, Charles Thompson Herndon and John Edmund Herndon, and 2 daughters, Martha Elizabeth Herndon (1906-1907) and Mary Laura Herndon.

1198 Thomas Mason Herndon (b 16 January 1832; d 1 June 1862), CSA.

1199 Dillard Jackson Herndon (b 3 July 1834), CSA, killed 30 June 1862 during the seven days' battle of Frazier's Farm.

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[1] Much of the information concerning the descendants of George and Priscilla Herndon was furnished to J. G. H. in 1937 by Mr. Zephaniah Mack Herndon, of Belton, S. C., youngest of the children of Zephaniah and Mary Tinsley (Glenn) Herndon.

[2] Dr. Donald Wear Herndon, of Gadsden, Ala., furnished the compiler in 1944 considerable information concerning this family.

#286 RACHEL HERNDON [41 David] was born 17 November 1784 in Caswell County, N. C. She was married in Orange County, N. C., 21 October 1801 to LARKIN HOWARD (b 1777; d 17 March 1832), son of Francis Howard and his wife Sarah Johnston, son of Larkin Johnston (1727-1816) and his wife Mary Rogers (1725-1800), daughter of John Rogers (1686-1768) and his wife Rachel Eastham.

About 1803 they left North Carolina and settled in Russell County, Va., where 8 June 1808 he purchased from Simeon Jackson and wife 100 acres on Cedar Spring Branch.[1] Seven years later Larkin Howard bought from Harry Smith 84 acres on the Clinch River.[2]

Shortly before he and his family removed to Boone County, Indiana, they sold their lands to Isaac Johnson on 5 October 1830.[3] On 28 December 1830 Larkin Howard's name appears for the last time (as so far discovered) in the records of his Virginia home county when he, along with Henry Brown of Tazewell County and William D. Hurt of Russell County, disposed of their other realty interests to Harry Smith.[4]

A large number of the members of the Herndon-Howard families, as well as certain others, left the neighborhood of Lebanon, Va., in 1831 for settlement near Lebanon, Indiana. Shortly after the completion of the journey Larkin Howard died. He was buried in the little family graveyard on the farm he had purchased. On his tombstone is the following inscription:

> LARKIN HOWARD/died March 17, 1832/Aged near 55 years/Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates of the city.

The reason for the uncertainty about his age is that his own family Bible had been destroyed in a fire which burned his home in North Carolina.

His widow continued to live on the same farm property in Indiana for more than 21 years after his death. She is buried beside her husband on the old Larkin Howard farm, four miles north of Jamestown, on the bank on the Raccoon Creek. On her tombstone is this inscription:

> RACHEL/wife of LARKIN HOWARD/died August 25, 1853/Aged 68 y., 9 m., & 8 ds./Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

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[1] *Russell County Deed Book #4:* 177.

[2] *Russell County Deed Book #5:* 182; dated 4 February 1815.

[3] *Russell County Deed Book #8:* 356.

[4] *Ibid.*, 395.

Children of Larkin Howard and Rachel Herndon:

1200 Elizabeth Howard (b 9 December 1802, Va.; d 1878) m Mekin S. Hurt (b 1795, Tenn.; d 1869), lived on the Clinch River in Russell County, Va.

1201 Francis Howard (b 1803, N. C.; d 1848) m 1826 Elizabeth Jessee (1806-1848).

1202 Sarah Howard (b 1808, N. C.; d 1864) m John T. Hurt (b 1798, Tenn.; d 1866), lived in Russell County, Va.

1203 Lewis Howard (b 1810, Va.; d 1848) m 1838 Mary Kerr (1813-1846).

1204 Mary Howard (b 1811/12, Va.) m George Kinsley, and had
(1) Lewis Kinsley.

1205 Nancy Howard (b 1813, Va.; d 1844) m 1835 Reuben Claypool (b 1 December 1811, Tate Springs, Tenn.; d March 1891, Waynetown, Indiana).

1206 Anderson Howard (b 1807, Russell County, Va.; d 1883) m Sarah F. Maxey (b 1837, Kentucky; d 1898), and had issue: [5]
(1) Mary Catherine Howard.
(2) James Oliver Howard.
(3) Carrie Judson Pierce Howard m Martin Luther Martindale, and had a son, Harry Howard Martindale, and 2 daughters, Lizzie Femton Martindale and Estella Fern Martindale.
(4) William Butler Howard.
(5) Francis Grant Howard.
(6) Theodosia E. Howard.
(7) Elmira Luretta Howard.
(8) Elmer Ellsworth Howard.
(9) Lizzie Belle Howard.

1207 Margaret Howard (b ca 1819, Russell County, Va.) m James Booker.

1208 Rebecca Howard (b 1822, Va.; d 1863) m James L. White (1819-1876).

1209 James Harvey Howard (b 1827, Va.; d 1848) m Mary Jones (1828-1870).

#288 Martin Pierce Herndon [41 David] was born about 1788 in Caswell County, N. C. He sold 3 April 1815 to his brother George for £150 the tract which his father, in his Will, had devised to him. That property was along the Caswell County line but was situated in Orange County and adjoined lands belonging to Aquila Compton.[1] At

[5] The data concerning descendants of this couple were contributed by Mr. Harry Howard Martindale, formerly of Indianapolis, now of Vero Beach, Florida.

[1] *Orange County (N. C.) Deed Book #18: 53.*

the sale of the personal estate of his father he had made some purchases. About 1815 he removed to Russell County, Va., where he lived the remainder of his life. About 1819 he married ELIZABETH T. HURT (b 1802/3), daughter of Garland Hurt. All of Garland Hurt's heirs joined in a deed 4 May 1841 conveying to John Barrett a 300-acre tract on the Clinch River.[2] On 5 September 1837 Martin P. and Elizabeth T. Herndon sold to the latter's brother Absalom Hurt for $200 a 60-acre tract on the Clinch River.[3]

MARTIN PIERCE HERNDON's Will, dated 3 October 1845, was recorded 2 March 1847.[4] In it he named his "oldest son John G." to be guardian to all the children younger than George. He designated his wife Elizabeth and his son John G. Herndon to be executrix and executor of his Will. In that Will he referred to "the only child that has left me" to whom he left whatever property of his, the testator's, he then possessed. To every other child he left one horse, saddle and bridle, a cow and one bed. As he provided that his wife, only during her widowhood or until her remarriage, should have his real estate, and as she married again before 15 July 1851,[5] it became necessary to sell the land he had owned at the time of his death. He provided, however, that even then she should share with her children in the proceeds from the sale of that property. He further specified that his children George, Polly, and Rachel, should have their share of his personalty "when necessary." When sold it netted the estate $584.12½.[6]

Children of Martin Pierce Herndon and Elizabeth T. Hurt:

1210 JOHN G. [GARLAND?] HERNDON (b 1819, Russell County, Va.; d there ca 1888) m ca 1845 MARY ANGELINE [BARRETT?] (b 1823, Wythe County, Va.); appointed guardian to his younger brothers and sisters who were under age, according to his father's Will; served as an administrator of the estate of John Barrett; dying, intestate, the Court designated his eldest son, George W. Herndon, to arrange for the partition of John G. Herndon's 392½ acres among Mary Angeline Herndon, his widow, their living children, and the heirs of their son, Stephen Rush Herndon.[7] Issue:

(1) George W. Herndon (b 1846) m 31 July 1867 Catherine Ball (b 1846), daughter of Wilson and Eliza Ball; had issue, possibly among others, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

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[2] *Russell County Deed Book #11:* 119.

[3] *Russell County Deed Book #10:* 191.

[4] *Russell County Will Book #6:* 42.

[5] *Ibid.*, 333.

[6] *Ibid.*, 311.

[7] *Russell County Deed Book #27:* 248.

(2) Andrew Jackson Herndon (b 1848) m 1st 10 September 1872 Sarah Honaker (b 1852), daughter of James and Mary Honaker; had issue, 3 sons and 7 daughters. After divorce, he m secondly, 15 January 1901 Sarah Herndon (b 1852), single.

(3) Henry M. Herndon (b 1849) m 30 December 1874 Nancy L. Jessee (b 1854), daughter of Gabriel and Nancy Jessee, had issue, 1 son and 4 daughters.

(4) Nancy Elizabeth Herndon (b 1851) m 27 July 1869 J. D. Miller, 24 years of age, son of J. D. and Polly Miller.

(5) Stephen Rush Herndon[8] (b 26 February 1853; d 1888-1891) m 9 November 1875 Darthula Miller (b 1857), daughter of Moses A. and Mary Miller; had issue, 4 sons and 5 daughters.

(6) Mary J. Herndon (b 15 December 1856) m W. B. A. Miller.

(7) William L. Herndon (b 15 March 1858), d infancy.

(8) Sarah J. Herndon (b 1861) m A. J. Breedlove.

(9) Melissa E. Herndon (b 1863).

(10) John W. Herndon (b 1865) m 26 January 1887 Ellen Ball (b 1870), daughter of James and Louisa Ball; had issue, 4 sons and 2 daughters.

(11) Margaret Herndon (b 1867) m Flem Ray.

(12) James C. Herndon (b 19 October 1870; d 1888-1891).

1211 RACHEL HERNDON (b 1822, Russell County, Va.) m 1st WILLIAM DESKINS, and lived in Owsley County, Ky., and had issue:

(1) Mamie Deskins.

Rachel (Herndon) [Deskins] m secondly THOMAS MCKAY, and lived in Missouri.

1212 POLLY HERNDON (b 1824, Russell County, Va.) m 1st ——— BURKE, lived in Lee County, Va., and had issue:

(1) George Burke m ———, and had 3 daughters.

(2) Elizabeth Burke, called "Betty", m Andrew J. Combs, of Owsley County, Ky., and had issue, 7 sons and 4 daughters.

Polly (Herndon) [Burke] m secondly WILLIAM COMBS, of Owsley County, Ky., and had issue:

(3) James Combs m Nannie Brandenburg, and had 2 sons and 2 daughters. One son was Earl Combs, who for several years played centerfield and was leadoff man in the batting order for the New York Yankees and was later a coach of that club.

(4) Nancy Combs m Arch Hammonds.

(5) Samuel Combs m Mattie Deaton.

1213 GEORGE HERNDON (b 28 December 1825, Russell County, Va.; d 26 January 1892, Owsley County, Ky.) m 8 September 1859 JALAH BRANDENBURG (b 10 March 1837; d 23 November 1912), lived one mile west of Booneville, Ky. Issue:

(1) Mary Elizabeth Herndon (b 22 June 1860; d 12 February 1918) m 8 September 1883 in Lee County, Va., John Gabbard (b 5

[8] The dates of birth of Stephen Rush Herndon and his sister Mary J. and his brothers William L. and James C. Herndon were obtained from the Richmond Office of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Virginia State Department of Health.

February 1859; d 3 December 1906), lived at Earnestville, Ky., where their 5 sons and 2 daughters were born.

(2) John Henry Herndon (b 20 October 1861; d 28 November 1881) unm.

(3) Sarah Jane Herndon (b 23 December 1862; d 20 May 1924) m William Hall (b 22 November 1866; d 12 January 1890, buried, alongside his wife's body, Taylorsville, Ky.); their 3 sons and 2 daughters born at Booneville, Ky.

(4) Martha Ann Herndon (b 31 March 1864) m at Booneville 7 February 1901 Robert W. Rader, and lived, in 1939, Big Hill Avenue, Richmond, Va.

(5) Samuel Jesse Herndon (b 19 January 1866) m at Booneville, now Lerose, Ky., 30 January 1895 Alice Frances Rose (b 6 December 1875) and had 1 son, Dr. Lee Roy Herndon,[9] and 4 daughters, all born at Welchburg, Jackson County, Ky.

(6) Nancy Eavens Herndon (b 16 November 1867; d 10 December 1867).

(7) Delilah Belle Herndon (4 October 1868 Booneville, Ky.; d 23 February 1928, Buffalo, Okla., buried, Ashland, Kansas) m 24 November 1892 at Booneville, Ky., George William Rohrer (b 12 February 1865, Owen County, Ky.; d 26 October 1937, Wichita, Kansas; buried, Ashland, Kansas); took up a homestead of 1,000 acres in Ashland, Kansas, 1904; had 4 sons and 2 daughters.

(8) Joseph Brandenburg Herndon (b 23 January 1871) m January 1906 Mattie Bruce Hall (b 4 June 1887, Booneville, Ky.) and had 3 sons and 5 daughters.

(9) Matthew Marion Herndon (b 16 September 1873; d 29 October 1895) unm.

(10) Charles Tyler Herndon (b 5 June 1875) m at Egypt, Ky., 30 December 1909 Lucy Margaret Wilson (b July 1876, Egypt, Ky.); their 3 sons and 2 daughters born at the old home place of their grandfather George Herndon.

(11) William Thomas Herndon (b 18 March 1878; d 5 August 1907), D.D.S., University of Louisville.

(12) Vivian Inez Herndon (b 15 April 1881) m 24 February 1910 at Booneville, Ky., William Pendleton (b 19 August 1881, Lee County, Va.). In 1939 he was manager, Blue Diamond Coal Co., of Hazard, Ky.

1214 James Herndon (b 1827), lived at home, 1860, called "the only one that has left me" in his father's Will, but there unnamed.

1215 Larkin Herndon (b 2 June 1832, Russell County, Va.; d 15 March 1905, Lee County, Va.) m ca 1853 Mary Pennington (b 1 February 1835, d 3 October 1924, buried, Dryden, Va., as was also her husband); served CSA, first as private, Company A, 21st Battalion, Virginia Infantry; later in Company H of the 28th Regiment, later reorganized as Light Artillery; was captured 4 July 1863 and made a prisoner of war by Major John C. Fry of the 21st Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He purchased 4 December

[9] Most of the data pertaining to the descendants of Martin Pierce Herndon was contributed by Dr. Lee Roy Herndon, only son of Jesse Herndon, a son of George and Jalah Herndon.

1861 from Caleb W. and Nancy Hobbs the property on which he and his family thereafter resided. In 1881 and 1883 he and his wife acquired title to her equity in the lands of Edward Pennington, deceased, and conveyed them to their second son, William Craig Herndon. Larkin Herndon's personal estate was appraised at $5,285.16, on 17 February 1908.

(1) John Pennington Herndon (b 29 January 1854) was minister of a church in Dryden, Va., the greater part of his life. He married, first, 28 July 1878 Sarah Ellen Litten (b 8 December 1858; d 27 November 1893), and had issue, a son, Charles B. Herndon, and three daughters. He m secondly 18 November 1894 Emma Ramsey (b 29 March 1874; d 19 October 1935; buried at Dryden, Va.) and had a daughter, Mrs. George Orr, of Dryden.

(2) Elizabeth B. Herndon (b 1855) m Alexander Litten, brother of Sarah Ellen (Litten) Herndon; had 1 son and 2 daughters.

(3) William Craig Herndon (b 18 July 1863; d 1930) m 20 January 1882 Cynthia Elizabeth Long (b 1866), daughter of James Long, from whom he separated in 1893. It is understood that she took her 4 children, all sons, to live with her in Texas and that William C. Herndon settled in Oregon.

1216 NANCY HERNDON (b 1837) m in Lee County, Va., 15 December 1855 JAMES B. PENNINGTON (b 1837), son of John Pennington.

1217 SARAH HERNDON (b 1839, Russell County, Va.) m JOHN STEEL, lived in either Perry or Owsley County, Ky., and had issue:

(1) Mary Steel m William Stewart.
(2) Harvey Steel m Mary Shouse.
(3) Frankey Steel m Jacob Terry, and had 6 children.
(4) Rose Steel m her first cousin George Zion.
(5) Lydia Steel m first James Woodward; secondly John Rader.
(6) Robert Steel, unm.
(7) Lillian Steel, unm.

1218 CYNTHIA HERNDON (b 1841) m first in Lee County, Va., 11 November 1856 WILLIAM P. ZION, lived in Lee County, and had

(1) Jack Zion m Elizabeth Mays, and had 2 sons and 1 daughter.
(2) George Zion m first Louise Cornelius, and had 2 sons and 1 daughter: m secondly, his first cousin, Rose Steel, and had 1 daughter.

Cynthia (Herndon) [Zion] m secondly ACE SMITH, and lived in Booneville, Ky.

#295 ELIAS HERNDON [43 Benjamin] was born about 1772 in Orange County, N. C., and died there in 1828. He married there in 1795 MARY [" Polly "] HOPSON.

His first real estate transaction [1] was the " purchase " from his father, for a consideration of $20, of a 200-acre tract in St. Marks District, with its appurtenances, next to Thomas Marcom's. His brothers William and Tapley Herndon were witnesses. He bought properties adjacent to that

[1] *Orange County Deed Book #8: 295.*

tract 17 December 1802 from John Saxon [2] and 12 January 1809 from his uncle Thomas Marcom.[3]

Usually called Eli, he is mentioned in the following Orange County Court Minutes:

> 26 May 1794: ELI HERNDON is appointed Overseer of the road from James Vaughans to Chatham Line in the room of Charles Trice. Ordered that the following hands work on the same (to wit) James Trice, Alexr. Hearn, Andrew Trice, Joseph Trice, Ezekiel Trice, Harrison Trice, Abner Massey, Daniel Massey, Ransom Davis, Henry Davis, Daniel Watson, Younger Hopson. [Abner, Thomas, and Daniel Massey were uncles of Elias Herndon, being brothers of his mother Lydia (Massey) Herndon.]
> August 1811: ELI HERNDON apointed Overseer from Charles Trice's to the Raleigh Road.
> May 1828: Administration on the Estate of ELIAS HERNDON is granted to John A. Mason [his son-in-law], with Merrill Beasley and Alfred Boothe his sureties.

MARY (HOPSON) HERNDON's Will, dated August 1846, was probated 17 September 1746.[4] In it she provided for the distribution of her property among her four living daughters and the children of her deceased daughters and her deceased sons, all of whom she mentioned by name as well as her sons-in-law. In addition, she called herself, " widow of Elias Herndon." Her real estate was located in both Wake and Orange Counties.

Children of Elias Herndon and Mary Hopson: [5]

1219 AUGUSTINE HERNDON (b *ca* 1796; d *vita matris, i.e., ante* 1846) m in Wake County, N. C., 26 January 1822 NANCY MCGEHEE who, in 1860 lived at the home of her son Matthew Herndon in Morrisville, N. C., her real estate being then valued at $450 and her personalty at $2,000. Issue:

(1) William Herndon, went to Tennessee early.

(2) Matthew Herndon (b 29 February 1824) m Mary A. Barbee (b 14 May 1822; d 10 January 1917, when nearly 95 years of age, but death then resulted not from illness but from burns she received when her home caught on fire). He enlisted as a private 23 August 1862 in Mallett's Company of Wake County Militia, and was taken prisoner at Bangor's Mill 27 October 1864. His physical condition while he was in prison grew so steadily worse that

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[2] *Orange County Deed Book #11:* 32.

[3] *Orange County Deed Book #13:* 353.

[4] *Orange County Will Book F:* 220.

[5] Among those who have contributed substantial information about descendants of Elias and Mary (Hopson) Herndon special credit goes to the late Mr. James Buchanan Herndon, of Wake County; Mrs. Mallie Eugene Butts, of Apex, N. C., a daughter of Augustine and Mary A. (Barbee) Herndon; the late Mrs. R. A. Honeycutt, of Chapel Hill, daughter of Thomas Mansfield Jenkins; and the late Mrs. William Council, of Durham, *nee* Ida Laura Herndon.

he was released to go home. He sent to his wife a message that he was ill but returning home, but *en route* he died 1 February 1865 and was buried before any of his family could arrive. His home was then at Carpenter, Wake County. His wife was a daughter of Christopher Barbee whose estate was settled in Chatham County in 1861. Matthew and Mary Herndon had 3 sons and 4 daughters: Augustine Herndon, Virginia Harwood, William Christopher Herndon, Nancy Jane Barbee, Martha Ann Maynard, Frances E. Morgan, and James Buchanan Herndon.

1220 STANDFORD HERNDON (b *ca* 1799; d 1827) m *ca* 1824 ELIZABETH B. JENKINS (b 1800; d *post* 1870), daughter of Sanford Jenkins, Sr. (d 1837). Administration of the estate of Standford Herndon was granted by the Orange County Court, at its November 1827 term, to Henry Williams, whose sureties were Hudson M. Cave and James C. Barbee. Issue:

(1) Martha Herndon (d *ante* 1843);[6]

(2) Madison Kerr Herndon (b 1827; d *post* 1870), lived in Williams township, Chatham County, where he was a farmer; m in Wake County 17 August 1858 Sarah Ann Yates. He was rejected for military service in the CSA because "he failed to meet the medical requirements for induction."[7] His children were Leona (Herndon) Stone, Martha (Herndon) Hinton, John Leonidas Herndon, Ida Laura (Herndon) Council, William Standford Herndon, and Lula M. (Herndon) Wood.

1221 ELIZABETH HERNDON m JOHN A. MASON (d April 1859), and had 1 son:

(1) Wesley Mason (d 1848) m 1842 Ann E. Adkins, and had issue, 2 children.

1222 MARINA ["Reeny"] HERNDON (b 1806) m in Orange County, N. C., 29 November 1823 JOSEPH JOHN JENKINS (b 1800); lived in 1860 near Martha's Chapel Church in Chatham County; received their mail at Grove postoffice; had issue:

(1) Joseph John Jenkins (b 1824), d unm.;

(2) Mary Jenkins (b 1826), unm. in 1870;

(3) Standford Jenkins (b 1829), killed in battle, in CSA;

(4) Anne Eliza Jenkins (b 1831) m Berwin Holland; had 1 son and 1 daughter;

(5) Samuel Jenkins (b 1832; killed in battle), CSA, m Hazeltine Kirby, and had issue, 2 sons;

(6) Quintina Jenkins (b 1834); d of typhoid fever *post* 1860, unm.;

(7) Thomas Mansfield Jenkins (b 2 October 1837) m in Wake County 13 January 1870 Julia Jenks, and had a daughter, Blanche Honeycutt;

(8) Selena Jenkins (b 1838) m John Lawrence, and had 2 sons and 1 daughter;

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[6] Henry Williams gave bond 22 February 1830 as guardian to Madison C. (*sic*) Herndon and Martha Herndon. His sureties were William M. Ballard and John Moring. (*Orange County Guardian Bonds.*)

[7] Letter dated 27 April 1946 from Carlyle C. Council, of Durham, son of Ida Laura (Herndon) Council, to Ruth Herndon (Mrs. C. W.) Shields, of Chapel Hill.

(9) Wesley Jenkins (b 1840) m 1st Elizabeth Bird, and had 1 daughter, Callie Nicholson; m 2nd Nanny Kelly, and had 2 sons and 1 daughter;
(10) Delilah Jenkins (b 1842) m J. T. Boling, and had 1 daughter, Maud Boling;
(11) Marina Adelaide Jenkins (b 1845), living 1860; and
(12) Artelia Jenkins (b 1847), d unm.

1223 MATILDA HERNDON m 10 January 1826 WILLIAM GEORGE.

1224 MARY HERNDON (b *ca* 1811, Orange County, N. C.; d 1843) m 1 June 1829 LITTLEBERRY MASON (b 1807), as his first wife, and had issue:
(1) Joseph Mason (b 1830);
(2) William Mason (b 1832);
(3) Augustine Mason (b 1834);
(4) Elizabeth Mason (b 1835) m 1st ——— Blalock, and had 4 children; m 2nd Andrew Jackson Brockwell, of Chapel Hill, and had issue 1 son, S. J. Brockwell, and 2 daughters, Mary and Fannie Brockwell;
(5) Nancy Mason (b 1837) m ——— Batchelor, and had issue;
(6) Addison Mason (b 1839); and
(7) Leroy Mason (b 1841).

Littleberry Mason was a farmer of Chatham County. He m 2ndly Elizabeth Wimberly, by whom he had sons named Jasper and George Mason.

1225 MARTHA HERNDON (b *ca* 1813; living 1860) m in Orange County 8 June 1831 to EZEKIEL GEORGE, son of David and Betsy (Trice) George; and had issue:
(1) daughter, b *ca* 1832;
(2) Henderson George (b 1834);
(3) Rosanna George (b 1837);
(4) Martha George (b 1840);
(5) Helen George (b 1843);
(6) Charles George (b 1845);
(7) Mary George (b 1847); and
(8) Sarah Elizabeth George (b 10 June 1850; d 30 August 1912) m 1st 27 January 1866 William Henry Herndon (b 5 January 1840; d 1 February 1880, North Durham township, Durham County) and had issue, 2 sons and 5 daughters. He was a son of Coslett Maxwell Herndon, #1112, *q.v.* She m 2ndly Almon G. Belvin.

#296 WILLIAM HERNDON [43 Benjamin] was born about 1774 in Orange County, N. C. There he married 11 January 1796 HANNAH HUTCHINS (b ca 1778; d between 1830-1840), a daughter of Moses Hutchins, a Revolutionary War patriot,[1] who in his Will, probated in May 1822,[2] left to each of his daughters, Hannah Herndon and Nellie

[1] NCRAA Vol. I: 15-4.

[2] *Orange County Will Book E:* 13.

Herndon, a quarter of his estate. The bondsman for the marriage of William and Hannah was Charles Trice. They lived on an 80-acre tract deeded to William Herndon in 1796 by his father-in-law.[3]

This property was in St. Marks District, now in Durham County. There William Herndon pursued "the art and mystery of a farmer."[4] But we get glimpses of him in other activities from time to time, as the following illustrations show. He was bondsman for his brother Tapley Herndon when the latter and Nellie Hutchins were getting married; he was a witness to the Will of William Rhodes in 1802;[5] he was a chainbearer for the survey of 263½ acres granted 21 May 1807 to John Rhodes, whose lands adjoined John Cabe's and Pleasant Rhodes;[6] he was appointed overseer of the road from the intersection of the Cross Roads at William Rhodes property to "Ben Rhodes Wilson's place on said road", and as a member of the grand jury in 1818.[7]

The date of the death of William Herndon is not known, but it occurred probably only a short time before 16 August 1847, when his daughter Margaret in her Will mentioned the fact that her father was then dead. The inventory of his estate was filed 22 September 1847 and on 26 October 1847 Chesley Herndon, who had been appointed administrator, reported that he had distributed the estate into seven equal distributive shares, as follows: one share to each of the five surviving children, an additional share to Elizabeth (Herndon) Davis, by right of bequest under the Will of her recently deceased sister Margaret Herndon, and one share to be divided equally among the surviving children of Wesley Herndon who had died *vita patris*. Years later—22 January 1853—the second of those four surviving children, Cameron Herndon, came into Court and signed a statement that he had received, as one of the heirs of his father Wesley Herndon, the share to which he was entitled.[8]

William Herndon's children continued to live in the old neighborhood after they were married. Some of his descendants still live there. The 1860 census of Orange County lists six families of his children and grandchildren consecutively. Their postoffice was Durhamsville. When Durham began to grow, many of William's descendants moved the few miles into town. A few years ago the three houses on one block in Dur-

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[3] *Orange County Deed Book 7:* 85.

[4] *Orange County Court Minutes* for 1831.

[5] He also qualified when the Will was probated in 1804.

[6] Land Grant #1755.

[7] *Orange County Court Minutes* for February 1811 and 1818.

[8] *Orange County Inventories, Sales, and Accounts of Estates, 1849-1852:* 188.

ham were owned and accupied by families named Pickett, Blalock, and Davis, while just around the corner lived a family of Herndons, also William's descendants.[9]

Children of William Herndon and Hannah Hutchins:

1226 WESLEY HERNDON (b ca November 1796; d 1840-46) m first 12 December 1821 JANE CAUDLE, who dsp; m 2ndly 3 December 1828 AMERICA ROBERTS (b 1802; d ca 1878), as her first husband, and had issue as shown below. She m 2ndly 8 April 1846 Wiley Gilbert (b 1797).[10] She filed a claim 23 December 1862 for the balance of the pay due her son Haywood Herndon who had enlisted 29 June 1861 for the period of the war, a private in Company D, First N. C. Infantry, CSA, who had died Christmas Day 1861 in the hospital at Fredericksburg, Va. It recited that "Haywood Herndon . . . was her son lawfully begotten of a former husband and that when he [Haywood] died, he left neither wife, children, nor father, and that there are no other heirs to claim his effects." She added that the name of "her son's father was Wesley Herndon, now dead . . . and that she had since married Willey Gilbert."[11] Issue of Wesley and America Herndon:

(1) Thomas Seawell Herndon (b 19 July 1832, Orange County, N. C.; d 17 July 1882, Durham County, N. C. testate),[12] worked as a boy on the farm of his uncle-in-law and aunt, Thomas Jackson Leigh and his wife Hannah Herndon;[13] m in Orange County 12 October 1856 Delilah Mildred Rhodes (b 3 October 1837; d 26 June 1898)[14] and had issue, 7 sons and 2 daughters: William Rhodes Herndon, Sarah Jones, George Anderson Herndon, Thomas Bunyon Herndon, Melissa ("Mittie") Angeline Wilkerson, Nazor Vernon Herndon, Rev. John Andrew Herndon, Hiram Linwood Herndon, and Manley David (called "Jack") Herndon.

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[9] Special acknowledgment is here made of the helpful gathering of the records of William Herndon's descendants by three of his great-grandsons: Mr. John W. Pickett, Pickett Road, Durham, RFD, N. C.; Mr. John Wesley Davis, West Trinity Avenue, Durham, and the late Hiram Linwood Herndon, of Durham; and in addition, Mr. Floyd Pickett, 2506 Cornwallis Road, Durham, who for many years has been collecting material pertinent to the Pickett, Davis, Leigh, and Blalock families.

[10] Absalom Gilbert, possibly his brother, m first 6 January 1835 Frances Roberts and secondly 27 October 1842 Susannah Hawkins Roberts, both of whom are believed to have been sisters of America Roberts.

[11] From records in the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., which the present compiler and Mr. John Waterhouse Herndon copied in 1936.

[12] His Will, dated 30 March 1882, was probated 31 January 1883 and is recorded in Durham County Will Book A: 36-37. He served in Company G, 28th Regiment, N. C. Volunteers, CSA, and in Companies D and H, 56th N. C. Infantry. His military record describes him as "of fair complexion, sandy hair, blue eyes, and 5 ft. 11½ inches tall."

[13] Orange County, N. C., Census for 1850: page 405, family 759.

[14] She was a daughter of Anderson Rhodes and Candace ("Dicey") Rhodes, who were m 30 May 1835. "Dicey" was a daughter of William Rhodes and Delilah Herndon who were m 19 April 1792. Delilah was the youngest daughter of Captain George and Sarah Herndon.

(2) Hawkins Cameron Herndon[15] (b *ca* 1834) m 17 July 1854 Mary Bowers. He served in Co. D., 1st Reg., N. C. Inf. CSA.

(3) Agnes Elizabeth Herndon (b 1836) m 26 October 1858 Alvis Neal, and had issue, two sons who d young.

(4) Louisa G. Herndon (b 1838), was living 1850, but d *ante* 22 January 1853.

(5) Haywood Herndon (b late in 1840; d 25 December 1861, Fredericksburg, Va.), unm.;[16] served in Co. D, 1st Reg., N. C. CSA.

1227 Chesley Herndon (b April 1798; d 8 September 1875)[17] was married three times. He m first 19 October 1824 Tempest Rigsbee (b May 1806; d March 1846),[17] daughter of Jessee Rigsbee and his wife Elizabeth Pickett who were m in Orange County 13 July 1801. Elizabeth (Pickett) Rigsbee in her Will, probated in May 1851,[18] left to her son-in-law Chesley Herndon $10 and to each of "Tempy" Herndon's children $10. Chesley and "Tempe" Herndon had issue:

(1) William Herndon (b 1825) m lic. dated 3 December 1855, m 24 January 1856 Carolina Dolahite. They are said to have settled in Tennessee.

(2) Frances Herndon (b 1827) d unm. 1846.

(3) Mary Herndon (b 16 January 1831; d 15 June 1877) m 5 December 1848 Josiah Cruden Anderson, and had issue, William Sanders Anderson and Charles Anderson. [Josiah Cruden Anderson m 2ndly Jane Rigsbee Pickett and had issue, Mary Jane Cole and Martha Horton.]

(4) Alvin M. Herndon (b 1833), corporal, 6th N. C. Infantry, CSA, d of fever 8 August 1861, Louisa Courthouse, Va.; unm.

(5) Zachariah Herndon (b 1835; killed in action, CSA, 25 March 1862, Camp Barton, Va.) m 31 May 1860 Frances Dolahite.

(6) Thomas Herndon (b 8 August 1839, Orange County, N. C.) m 1st 14 January 1866 Sallie Dinwiddie (d 9 December 1880), daughter of Rev. William Dinwiddie, and had issue: Jefferson Davis Herndon, Minnie Herndon, and Sarah Kate Trawick. Thomas Herndon m 2ndly 16 November 1881 Laura Coleman (b 7 May 1854), daughter of A. K. Coleman, and had issue: Laura Thomas Herndon, Fanny Tempest Herndon, and Chesley Coleman Herndon.[19]

(7) Hannah Herndon (b 1840) m 15 December 1862 John Holoway.

(8) Martha Herndon (b 1842), believed to have gone to Tennessee *post* 1860.

(9) John Herndon (b 7 October 1844; d 19 April 1858), buried in the family cemetery, Patterson township.

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[15] He was called Cameron. In his enlistment record he is shown as H. C. Herndon. He was discharged from Company D, First N. C. Infantry, 1 November 1861 because of disability.

[16] He volunteered for the term of the war. His name is on the Roll of Honor of Orange County, according to the record of his service in the Adjutant General's Office.

[17] These dates are from tombstone inscriptions in the family burial grounds, Patterson township, Orange (now Durham) County.

[18] *Orange County Will Book F*: 486.

[19] For a detailed sketch of his life see W. P. Titus: *Picturesque Clarksville (Tennessee), Past and Present*, p. 33.

CHESLEY HERNDON m 2ndly in Orange County 19 April 1848 SALLY VICKERS, who died soon thereafter, *s. p.* CHESLEY HERNDON m 3rdly 30 September 1849 Mrs. FRANCES (VICKERS) WARREN, 30 years of age, probably sister of his second wife. [Frances Vickers had m 1st in Orange County 10 November 1844 James Warren, and to them were born a Vashti Warren in 1845, and a son, James Warren in 1847.] The children of Chesley and Frances Herndon were:

(10) Nancy Sophronia Herndon (b June 1850) m 17 August 1871 Charles F. Barbee, and had issue: Henderson Barbee, Emma Blackman, and Charles Thomas Barbee.

(11) Page Herndon (b 1853), went to Tennessee, m ——— there, and had issue.

(12) Rebecca Smith Herndon (b 9 February 1855, Orange County; d 10 June 1927, Durham, N. C.) m 22 March 1892 William Patrick Raiford, and had issue, one son, William Patrick Raiford.[20]

(13) Henry Jackson Herndon (b 19 June 1856); d 30 August 1926) m in Wake County, N. C., 2 May 1885 Mrs. Minnie S. Crabtree. They had no issue, but they adopted a child, Leona, who m in Durham 3 December 1922 James Moses Epps.

1228 MARTHA ("Patsy") HERNDON (b 13 August 1803; d July 1870) m 5 November 1818 HARTWELL GREGORY BLALOCK (b May 1794; d 26 June 1873), and had the following children: [21]

(1) Egbert N. Blalock (b 20 November 1819), served in Co. C, 6th N. C. infantry; died of wounds at Gaines Farm.

(2) C. Blalock (b 12 October 1821).

(3) Fanny Mitchell Blalock (b 13 October 1823) d *ca* 1908, unm.

(4) Henderson D. Blalock (b 7 May 1825; d 10 October 1856) m 19 February 1852 Helen Eveline Hancock.

(5) Yancey Blalock (b 15 January 1827; d 30 June 1864) m Elizabeth ———, and had issue.

(6) Elizabeth Herndon Blalock (b 31 January 1829) m Jack Hutchins, and had issue.

(7) Chesley Herndon Blalock (b 31 December 1830; d 30 July 1864) m 22 January 1856 Edith Q. Trice, and had issue: Eliza, Quinton, and Richard Blalock.

(8) Augustine Herndon Blalock (b 7 February 1833; d 28 February 1852).

(9) William David Blalock (b 1 February 1835; d 25 November 1925) m in Orange County 21 December 1863 Elizabeth F. Cole, daughter of Reuben Wilson Cole; had issue: Corinna Anderson, Susan Cordelia ("Della") Anderson, Eugenia Frances Rigsbee, Nancy Wilson Brogden, William Henry Mitchell ("Buck") Blalock, Minnesota Parrish, John Van Buren Blalock, and Thomas Hartwell Blalock.

(10) Martin Van Buren Blalock (b 9 November 1836; d 25 December 1869).

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[20] To him JGH is indebted for much valuable information concerning the children of Mr. Raiford's Herndon grandparents.

[21] Their names and the dates of their birth and some dates of death are copied from the family Bible.

(11) Hannah Blalock (b 31 December 1838) m Gaston Couch; had issue: Hardie, Hubert, and Odie Couch.

(12) Louis D. Henry Blalock (b 21 October 1842; d 6 September 1863), served in Co. C, 6th N. C. Infantry, CSA.

1229 FRANCES ("Frankey") HERNDON (b 1806; d 23 June 1879) m in Orange County 30 November 1821 HENRY ("Harry") PICKETT (1795-1856), only son of Mark and Mary (Bryant) Pickett; and had issue:

(1) Pleasant Pickett (b 28 March 1823; killed in battle, 1864, CSA) m 20 May 1852 Mary Marcum (b 25 November 1830; d 11 June 1912), and had issue: Louisa Texana Pickett, Cornelia Lawson Shepherd, Alphonso Pickett, Margaret Sarah Frances Cole, James Robert Pickett, and Belina ("Lina") Mary Elizabeth Fowler.

(2) Chesley Page Pickett (b September 1825; d 2 October 1863) m 8 January 1861 Elizabeth Frances Jane Rigsbee (b 18 December 1839; d 29 June 1915), daughter of Jessee Rigsbee; issue, Jesse Page Pickett. [The widow of Chesley P. Pickett m 2ndly Josiah Cruden Anderson, and had issue, 2 daughters.]

(3) Henry Pickett (b 23 December 1827; d 29 September 1904) m 1st 5 March 1852 Caroline Rigsbee (b 9 January 1834; d 11 June 1861), daughter of Jesse Rigsbee, and had issue: Mary Frances Markham, William Jackson Pickett, Leroy Gaston Pickett, and Henry Sanders Pickett. Henry Pickett m 2ndly January 1866 Ellen Jane McCauley (b 8 June 1831; d 5 December 1916), and had issue: Jesse Thomas Pickett, John Washington Pickett, Sarah Ann Martin, and Richard Pickett.

(4) Asa Pickett (b 1830; d 20 August 1905), lost an eye while in CSA service, m 10 January 1856 Temesia Marcum (b 19 August 1834; d 7 March 1912), sister of Mary who m Pleasant Pickett, both being daughters of Willie (Wylie) Marcom and his wife Sarah Carlton; had issue: Standford Henry Pickett, Irving Mordecai Pickett, Virgil Pickett; Asa Pleasant Pickett, and William Washington Pickett.

(5) William Pickett (b 22 July 1832; d July 1863, CSA, Gettysburg, Pa.) m 27 February 1858 Martha Borland (b 4 December 1835; d 27 July 1872); had issue: Andrew Page Pickett, Nancy Jane Frances Pickett, and Malinda Leigh.

(6) Elbert Washington Pickett (b 1835; d in CSA service, Co. C, 6th N. C. Infantry) m 26 February 1860 Martha Helon Rigsbee (b 29 March 1842; d 2 May 1904), daughter of Jesse Rigsbee; had issue, a daughter, Martha Ella Woods.

(7) Margaret Pickett (b 11 July 1838; d 8 August 1903) m 19 December 1860 William Couch (b 26 September 1826; d 24 February 1890), served in Co. B, 6th N. C. Infantry, CSA; issue: Henry Couch, John Thomas Couch, Mary Eugenia Couch, Mary Dicey Andrews, Nancy Ada Cates, Chesley Page Couch, James Richard Couch, Margaret Louisa Elizabeth Rigsbee, and Edward W. Couch.

(8) Nancy Pickett (b 1842) d unm. 8 January 1910.

(9) James Pickett (b 1844; d 29 May 1915) m Martha Ann Cole (b 4 July 1849; d 10 November 1909), daughter of Reuben Wilson Cole; and had issue: Charles Wilson Pickett, Odie Hiram Pickett, James Edward Pickett, Hubert Washington Pickett, and Bessie Ola Paschall.

(10) Mark Pickett (b August 1847; d 30 January 1918) m 13 February 1873 Emma Rigsbee (b 18 March 1854; d 7 October 1930), daughter of Jesse Rigsbee; and had issue: Carrie Eva Garrett, George Hackney Pickett, Adolphus Pickett, Rufus Jackson Pickett, Joseph Hiram Pickett, Lillie Frances Pickett, Mary Annie Latta, William Thomas Pickett, James Washington Pickett, Jesse Robert Pickett, Wesley Newton Pickett, and Ella Estelle Watson.

1230 Elizabeth Herndon (b 8 September 1809; d 29 January 1879) m 28 August 1848 Edward Ruffin Davis (b 10 January 1818; d 20 March 1886), son of James and Sarah (Couch) Davis; and had issue:

(1) Hannah Caroline Davis (b 27 June 1849; d 1928) m in Durham County 17 January 1884 John Avery Tillman (b 15 July 1860; d 12 December 1938); no issue.

(2) William Iley Davis (b 15 December 1851; d 1902) m 30 October 1879 Martha Elizabeth Brockwell (b 24 July 1858), and had issue: John Wesley Davis and William Owen Davis.

1231 Margaret Herndon, d unmarried 1847, shortly after the death of her father; left a will, dated 16 August 1847, probated November 1847, leaving " to my sister Elizabeth my interest in the estate of my father William Herndon."

1232 Hannah Hutchins Herndon (b 28 January 1818; d 3 January 1868) m 10 May 1838 Thomas Jackson Leigh (b 13 January 1818; d 5 November 1886), and had issue: [22]

(1) Margaret Elizabeth Leigh (b 3 June 1840; d 25 January 1914) m 21 January 1856 James Goodman Davis, son of James and Sarah (Couch) Davis; and had issue: Hannah Pickett, Oadie Hester, Mollie Couch, and Milton Davis.

(2) Oliver Nazer Leigh (b 1841), d unm. during Civil War; served in Co. C, 6th N. C. Infantry; because of his initials he was called " Owen " Leigh.

(3) Martha Frances Leigh (b 1843) m 24 November 1872 Sampson Marion Davis, brother of the above-mentioned James Goodman Davis.

(4) Nancy Jane Leigh (b 1846) m William Copley.

(5) Mary Whitworth Leigh (b 10 March 1854; d 17 October 1908) m 21 November 1872 John Vernon Rigsbee, sheriff of Durham County, N. C., son of Jesse and Mary (Vickers) Rigsbee; had issue: Clarence Dixon Rigsbee, Mary Jessie Carpenter, and Hannah Elizabeth Roberts.

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[22] Much of this record was contributed by Mrs. Elizabeth (Rigsbee) Roberts, of Durham, N. C.

(6) Wesley Jackson Leigh (b 1858) m ———, and had issue.
[Thomas Jackson Leigh m 2ndly 27 September 1877 Louisa Couch, and had issue:
(a) Rosa Alice Leigh (b 22 July 1878; d 17 October 1909) m W. Ed. Tilley, and had a daughter Mary Leigh Tilley; and
(b) Ed Durham Leigh (b 30 September 1882; d 30 December 1948) m Mary Louise ———, and had issue, 2 sons and 1 daughter.]

#297 TAPLEY HERNDON [43 Benjamin] was born about 1776 and died *ante* May 1831 in Orange County. He married in that County 12 November 1798 NELLIE HUTCHINS, sister of Hannah who married William Herndon, Tapley's brother.

Children of Tapley Herndon and Nellie Hutchins:

1233 BENJAMIN HERNDON (b *ca* 1802; d *post* 1870) m in Orange County, N. C. 15 May 1829 EASTER SMITH (b 1806; d *post* 1880), of Moore County, N. C. As early as 1836 he owned a 100 acre farm which in 1936 was still undivided property. In his early days he raised tobacco, packed it in hogsheads, and rolled it to Virginia markets. He and his wife had 2 sons and 5 daughters: [1]

(1) Paschal B. Herndon (1831-1920), CSA, m in January 1871 Fanny Shipp, and had surviving issue: Corinna Herndon, Reuben Herndon, and Mary F. Thacker.
(2) Eliza Herndon (1833-1920), unm.
(3) Hillery Gaston Herndon (b 2 February 1836; d 14 February 1903), CSA, m 11 March 1862 his second cousin, Demarius Herndon, (b 1838; d 23 October 1916), daughter of Harmon Herndon #1238, *q.v.* Their son, William Frederick Herndon, possesses numerous of his father's Civil War papers, including a copy of his 1864 income tax return, showing payments due *in kind*. Surviving issue: Cornelia Elizabeth Atkins, Demarius Everett Massey, Lysandrus Gaston [called "L. Sanders"] Herndon, Demetrius Franklin Herndon, William Frederick Herndon, and Thomas Claud Herndon.
(4) Emily Herndon (1838-1895) m 24 December 1882 Rufus Lawrence of Wake County.
(5) Catherine Herndon (1841-1925), unm.
(6) Julia Herndon (b 1843) unm.
(7) Janetta Herndon (b 1845) unm.
(8) Lucetta (1847-1914) unm.
(9) Martha Ann Herndon (b 1849), unm.

[1] Much information concerning Benjamin Herndon and his descendants has been furnished J. G. H. by Mr. William Frederick Herndon, of Route #3, Durham, N. C., son of Hillery Gaston Herndon, both by letter and personal call.

1234 EDITH HERNDON (b *ca* 1806; d *post* 1840) m in Orange County 3 January 1826 JOSIAH HOWINGTON.

1235 TAPLEY HERNDON, concerning whom the Orange County Court in May 1831 adopted the following Minute:

> Ordered that Tapley Herndon, son of T. Herndon decd., of the age of 16 years, be bound to Wm. Herndon to learn the art and mistery (*sic*) of a farmer [and] to read and write.

#298 AQUILLA HERNDON [43 Benjamin] was born *ca* 1780 in Orange Co., N. C., and died 1840. He married MARY MOORE, daughter of John Moore of Chatham Co., whose Will, dated September 19, 1843, naming Mary Herndon, is recorded in Chatham Co., N. C.

Several references to Aquilla's service as a juryman are found in the Orange County Minutes. On Feb. 28, 1809 he was appointed overseer of the road. He served as guardian for James Kirby Clifton, and in 1832 was a bondsman for William H. Lewter, Administrator of the estate of Thomas Lewter. With Sullivan Leigh, he witnessed the Will of his cousin James Herndon, which was proved November 1839.

He was a member of the Grand Jury which in May 1812 voted to protest the Act permitting the legislature to cast a ballot for presidential electors instead of permitting the people to vote for those electors. He was constable of St. Marks District, 1832-1833.

On 16 November 1835 he deeded to his son Harmon Herndon certain property.[1] His real property thereafter consisted of 175 acres on New Hope Creek, adjoining the property of Polly Herndon, widow of Elias Herndon. This property was owned by Aquilla at the time of his death and was offered for sale, subject to the dower interest of Aquilla's widow Mary, by William George on Dec. 4, 1841. Aquilla died intestate in January 1840. His children petitioned the Court of Equity for Orange County that the property be sold because " from the small quantity of land and the large number of heirs entitled to it, it is impracticable to make partition among them without serious injury to the interests of some or all of said heirs." The sale of the personalty belonging to Aquilla's estate was recorded 20 March 1840.[2] The inventory was taken by Joseph B. Sears, administrator, who was appointed at the February 1840 term of court, Henry Williams and Harmon Herndon being his bondsmen. Purchasers included the following Herndons: Harmon, Reuben, Thomas [J.], John [M.], and Leslie, his sons; Mary, his widow;

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[1] *Orange County Deed Book 29: 435.*

[2] *Orange County Inventories 1837-1847:* p. 227.

Nancy his daughter; Timothy and Chesley, his nephews. Among other purchasers were Chesley P. George, Bartlett Barbee, Christopher Barbee, Sanford Jenkins, James Harward, Noah Trice, George Trice, and Joseph J. Jenkins.

The petition states that it is presented by all the heirs of Aquilla Herndon " upon whom according to the canon of descent of this State the said land descended " and " that they are all at this time residents of North Carolina." They were the children named below:

Children of Aquilla Herndon and Mary Moore:

1236 REUBEN HERNDON (b 1807; d testate 1855, Chatham Co., N. C.) m in Chatham Co., N. C. 5 November 1833 NANCY JENKINS (b 1808; d post 1870), daughter of Sanford Jenkins, Sr., who in his Will left bequests, among others, to his daughters Nancy Herndon and Elizabeth B. Herndon (widow of Standford Herndon); issue, 4 sons and 3 daughters, including 2 sets of twins:

(1) Virginia Herndon (1835-*ca* 1918) unm.
(2) Caroline Herndon (1835-*ca* 1915) unm.
(3) Augustus Sanford Herndon (1837-d 17 September 1862, Lynchburg, Va.) CSA, unm.
(4) Manassa Herndon (1840-d 30 Nov. 1863, of wounds received in battle of Rappahannock RR Bridge 7 November 1863) CSA, unm.
(5) Melissa Herndon (b 1840) unm 1860.
(6) Elbert H. Herndon (b 31 March 1843, Chatham Co., N. C. d testate 8 Dec. 1924 in Raleigh, N. C., at the home of his daughter Zada [Mrs. William R.] Winston), was wounded at Battle of Gettysburg, captured by Union forces, sent to Richmond Hospital and discharged 22 Nov. 1864; m 20 March 1874 Sue M. Creek at the home of N. Creek, in Chatham County. She d 8 December 1919. They had issue: Lela Wilson, Nina Alice Winston, Zada Winston, Clyde Elbert Herndon, Claude Nash Herndon, and Vivian Wilson.
(7) De Witt Herndon (b 1848; d testate, *ca* 1930) m in Chatham County, N. C., 20 May 1877 Lillie A. Melton; had issue: Eva Goodwin, R. Cornelius Herndon, Marvin Hinton Herndon, and Libbie Wilson.

1237 THOMAS J. HERNDON (b 1809; d testate *post* March 1889, Chatham County) m VELINA B. O'KELLY (b 1812) whose mother, Mary E. O'Kelly when she was 82, lived in 1850 with her son-in-law and daughter. In 1852 Mrs. Mary E. O'Kelly sold her property east of New Hope Creek, on both sides of Crooked Run, to Thomas J. Herndon. Mrs. O'Kelly had made her Will 8 March 1845. It was probated in February 1853. Thomas J. Herndon's Will was dated 24 December 1885. Codicils were added 3 November 1887 and in March 1893. He was buried in the family cemetery plot of O'Kelly's Chapel. Issue of Thomas and Velina Herndon:

(1) Mary Jane Herndon (b 1839; d ca 1884) m in Chatham County 12 January 1858 Joseph B. Cole, son of Jeremiah Pendleton Cole

(b 22 December 1806; d 21 May 1887) and his wife Nancy White (b 17 September 1810; d 14 May 1878). Joseph and Mary Jane (Herndon) Cole had issue: Junius, Clarence, Molly, and Hattie Cole.

(2) Dr. William T. Herndon (b 1841), practised medicine in Morrisville, N. C.; then formed a mercantile partnership with W. Burke Bagwell, of Durham, and later another partnership with A. F. Young in the town of Elon College, N. C. He prospered, later became the financial agent of Elon College, gave up the practice of medicine and business, and entered the ministry of the Christian Church. About 1867 he m Clara A. Edwards of Durham, and had issue: Myrtle M. Moffitt, Minnie Herndon, Jennie Thomas Herndon, Carl Hines Herndon, Gertrude Scott, and Velina Herndon.

(3) Loudelia Emma Herndon (b 1848; d 20 June 1939 at the home of her daughter Annie Velina (Mrs. Edwin A.) York, Mebane, N. C.) m 15 March 1874 Dr. Nelson Durant York, and had 2 daughters. The other one was Emma Lula (Mrs. Ned F.) Brannock.

1238 HARMON HERNDON (b 1810: d 1860/1870) m 1st 5 April 1837 ELIZABETH GEORGE, and had issue:

(1) Demarius Herndon (b 1838) m Hillery Gaston Herndon, *q.v.*, son of Benjamin Herndon #1233, and had issue, as there listed.

(2) Chesley Preston Herndon (b 1839) m 1st in Wake County Mary Ann Barbee whom he divorced on his return from his CSA service during which he had been taken prisoner at Gettysburg 2 July 1863. He m 2ndly in Orange County 13 February 1866 Mary E. George, and had issue: Charles Thomas Herndon, Chicora Herndon, Elizabeth Herndon, James Mebane Herndon, Alice Faulkner, Lillie Viola Vickers, Theodore Cotton Herndon, Watt Herndon, and Vallie Ware. Chesley P. Herndon m 3rdly in Durham County 17 October 1900 Mrs. Sarah Ann (Barbee) George (b 1866; d 8 June 1945, Durham, N. C.), daughter of Simpson Barbee and his wife Mary Everett O'Kelly; and had issue, a son, Luther Harmon Herndon.

HARMON HERNDON m 2ndly 2 November 1858 LOUISA MASSEY.

1239 SOPHRONIA HERNDON (b 1811) m in Orange County 2 January 1828 JOSEPH B. SEARS, and had issue:

(1) Belfield Sears (b 1828) m Caroline Davis;

(2) Jane Sears (b 1830) m Henry M. Cates;

(3) Sarah Ann Sears (b 1831) m in Wake County 30 March 1857 Basil Marcum;

(4) Thomas C. Sears (b 1832), storekeeper, Morrisville, N. C., m in Chatham County 26 June 1870 Miss R. T. ("Chick") Jenkins, and had issue, Will T. Sears and Minnie Sears;

(5) William Henry Sears (b 1834) went to Memphis, Tenn., m ——— there;

(6) Harmon Zachariah Sears (b 17 May 1835; d 21 January 1912) m in Chatham County 20 December 1860 Louvenia Williams (b 28 March 1838; d 29 March 1886) and had issue: Joseph Sears,

Cathan Lenora Sears, Elizabeth Penelope Parrish, Rev. Harmon Christopher Sears, and Myrtle Sears;

(7) Melvina Sears (b 1838) m in Orange County 13 January 1857 Rufus Harward;

(8) Cornelia Sears (b 1841); and

(9) Nancy Sears (b 1841) m John Maynard.

1240 JOHN MOORE HERNDON (b 1813, Orange Co.) m there 15 December 1840 EMELINE JANE HARWARD, daughter of James Harward and Elizabeth Rogers. His property adjoined lands of Harmon Herndon and Bartlett Barbee. Issue:

(1) James Herndon (b 1841) farmer in 1860.

(2) Matthew Herndon (b 1843) at home in 1860.

(3) Mary Herndon (b 1844) m 13 April 1868 Simpson Witherspoon.

(4) Cornelia Ann Herndon (b 1846) at home in 1860.

(5) Lewis Morgan Herndon (b 1848-1916) m 24 March 1875 Minerva Carlton, had issue: Ida L. Turner, Leonidas V. ("Lonnie") Herndon, Hallie Perry, and Claude Watson Herndon.

(6) Rebecca Herndon (b 1851) d unm.

(7) John Rufus Herndon (b 1855), nicknamed "Fagin," lived near O'Kelly's Chapel near Chatham-Durham County line, m 15 April April 1882 Louise Virginia Kerr, and had issue: John David Herndon, Willie T. Herndon, James L. Herndon, Emma Barbee, and Eva Herndon.

(8) Emeline Virginia Herndon (b 1856) nicknamed "Tump", m 14 October 1896 William Carpenter (b ca 1845).

(9) Hugh Herndon (b 1860) d infancy.

1241 LESLIE HERNDON (b 1815) m 1st in Wake County ELIZABETH LEE, daughter of William Lee (d 1861). Leslie Herndon was a private in Co. H 31st N. C. Inf. CSA; issue:

(1) William R. Herndon, mentioned in the Will of his grandfather William Lee, of Wake County, N. C.

LESLIE HERNDON m 2ndly 18 February 1867 BETSY BRANHAM.

1242 CYNTHIA HERNDON (b 1817) in Orange County 24 March 1840 THOMAS GEORGE.

1243 NANCY HERNDON (b 1820) unm in 1860 when she lived with her brother Harmon Herndon and his family.

#300 ISAIAH MARKHAM [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 5 September 1776; died December 1863, Orange Co., N. C. He married probably in Chatham County, JANE ———, who died ante 1850.

Children of Isaiah Markham and Jane ———:

1244 HENRY S. MARKHAM (b 1808, d 1893) m 1st in Orange Co., N. C., 6 Dec. 1831 MARGARET CARLTON (b 1806, d *post* 1860), had issue: [2]

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[1] Much of the data concerning the children and grandchildren of Isaiah Markham is drawn from the Petition for the division of real estate among Isaiah Markham's heirs, Orange County Superior Court, Sept. 30, 1874.

[2] Data relating to this family was furnished by the late Rev. L. Bunn Olive (a son of Caldena Markham Olive), who was many years a Baptist Missionary to China.

(1) Isaiah Pressley Markham (b 1833, killed CSA) m ——— Norris, and had issue: Peyton Markham, Caldena Olive, Theodore Markham and George Markham.

(2) John Henry Markham (b 1836) was killed May 1863 at Sharpsburg. He and his brother Isaiah Pressley Markham were enrolled 1 May 1861, in Orange County, N. C., in Co. C, 6th Reg. Inf., CSA. In the same company were enrolled 5 men named Blalock, 4 Herndons, 2 Picketts, and N. Leigh, all of them Herndon descendants.

(3) Mary Haseltine Markham (b 23 Sept., 1840) d unm., 27 Aug. 1934.

(4) George Dallas Markham (b 18 Oct. 1844, d 1922) m 14 Jan. 1875 Isabella Johnson (b 23 July 1850, d 1934) and had issue: Ernest Markham, Allie Eustace Markham, Numa Ralph Markham, Johnson Olive Markham, and Lela Belle Markham.

(5) William Markham (b 1848) went to Indian Territory.

HENRY S. MARKHAM m 2ndly in Orange Co., N. C. 7 Nov. 1869 ELIZABETH C. YANCEY, daughter of Edward C. Yancey and his his wife Julia Allen.

1245 MARTHA P. MARKHAM (b 1810, d unm 1874).

1246 BENJAMIN A. MARKHAM (b 1813, d between 1864-1874) m 29 April 1842 RHODA PRITCHARD, and had issue:

(1) Eliza Ann Markham (b 1843) m Calvin O'Brien.

(2) Felix D. Markham (b 1845) m 1st in Wake Co., N. C., 17 April 1870 Corinna E. Carlton; m 2ndly in Wake Co., 9 Aug. 1877 Mary E. Sater.

(3) James Dennis Markham (b 1847).

(4) Rufus A. Markham (b 1849), lived in Comanche Co., Texas, in 1875.

(5) Martha Jane Markham (b 1823) m Demetrius Carlton.

1247 ANN MARKHAM (b 1815) d unm between 1870-1874.

1248 ELIZA MARKHAM (b *ca* 1817) d unm 1870-4.

1249 MARY MARKHAM (b 1819) living in Orange Co., N. C., unm 1874.

1250 PHOEBE MARKHAM (b *ca* 1821) d unm 1870-4.

1251 JANE MARKHAM (b 1823) m 1st 7 Jan. 1840 JOHN D. CARLTON; m 2ndly EVASMEY POPE.

1252 GEORGE MARKHAM (b *ca* 1826, d between 1863-1874) m MARY E. ——— who lived in Stephens, Oglethorpe Co., Ga., in 1874; had issue: William H., George P., Isaiah M., John M., Charles, and Martin Luther Markham.

#301 ELISHA MARCUM [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 7 November 1778 in Orange County, N. C., and died *ante* July 1838. He married first in Wake County, N. C., 16 September 1801 NANCY KIRKHAM. He married secondly, in Wake County, N. C., 11 January 1803 SUSANNAH WATTS, and had issue, 1 son,

1253 William Watts Marcum (b 9 March 1807) m in Wake County, N. C., 13 May 1837 Elizabeth Kelly, with John Ligon as bondsman. Elizabeth (Kelly) Marcom's Will, dated 12 April 1847, proved in Wake County, August 1847, names as legatees "my two sons" John and William, and "my friend" William B. Dunn, as executor. Witnesses were N. A. Purefoy and John Ligon.

#302 Thomas Marcum [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 27 November 1781. His Will, dated 10 February 1869, was proved December 1879, in Orange County, N. C. Me married first, in Orange County, N. C., 13 December 1804 Polly Bilbo, daughter of Thomas Bilbo, and had issue,[1] 8 children. In August 1838 he was named guardian of these children.

Children of Thomas Marcum and Polly Bilbo:

1254 Margaret G. Markham (b 13 January 1806) m in Orange, 7 Nov. 1831 Lewis Kimball.

1255 William Henry Markham (b 31 January 1808) m ———, issue:
- (1) Calvin Markham
- (2) John Markham
- (3) Helen Markham
- (4) Agnes Markham

1256 Joseph Bilboa Markham (b 15 February 1811) m 12 Dec. 1832 Caroline Jane Dixon, issue:
- (1) Mack Markham, died in childhood.
- (2) Monroe Markham, enlisted 22 February 1862 in Co. C, 6th Reg. N. C. Inf., C.S.A. died, 13 March 1863.
- (3) Messaline Markham, m Leo Wesley Leigh and had 7 daughters, Selena and Varina Leigh (twins), Vella Kirkland, Eunice Pickett, Addie Leigh, Buna Pickett, Myrtle Byrd.

1257 James Colman Markham (b 23 January 1814) m ———, lived in Wake Co. N. C., issue, 9 children: Andrew, James, William, Buck, Martha, Sarah, Caroline, Ann, and Mary Markham.

1258 John Moss Markham (b 22 August 1816) m Catherine Gattis, issue:
- (1) Nannie (b 1851).
- (2) James William Markham (b 28 February 1852) m Anne Leigh (b 6 September 1866) daughter of Richard Stanford Leigh, issue: Ruby Lee Markham, James William Markham, Allan B. Markham, Edwin C. Markham, Katherine Markham.
- (3) Mary Markham (b 1854) m Ad Maddry, issue: Wescott Maddry, James Maddry, Frank Maddry, and Kate, who m L. L. Dowdee.
- (4) Mittie Davis Markham (b 1 October 1859, d 1 October 1949) unm.
- (5) Emily Markham (b 1862) m Claud Johnson, no issue.

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[1] In his Will he mentioned by name only his "two youngest daughters Catherine and Helon", and his daughter Martha, but refers to "balance of my sons and daughters who have married and left me".

(6) Cary Judson Markham (b 10 July 1868, d 26 June 1950) m Feb. 1896 Ella Ferrell, issue: Ione Linker, Mary Emily Alston, Rufus M. Markham.

1259 THOMAS A. MARKHAM (b 4 September 1818) m 23 Nov. 1839 CANDACE BURGESS, issue:

(1) Charles M. Markham, m 17 March 1887 Emily McCarroll.
(2) Lula Markham m ——— Fleming, issue: 5 children.
(3) Molly Markham m ——— Northington.
(4) Martha Markham m ——— Hall, issue 2 children.
(5) Fannie Markham m ——— Boyd.

Some of this family went to Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

1260 MARTHA ANN MARKHAM (b 14 July 1822), in 1850 she was living with Mark and Fanny Rigsby.

1261 POLLY CAROLINE FRANCES MARKHAM (b 12 August 1824) m as his second wife, 30 April 1846, MARK RIGSBY, issue:

(1) Leroy Gaston Rigsby
(2) Priestly Rigsby
(3) Narcissus Quintilla Josephine Rigsby m Henry D. Leigh
(4) John Gustave Rigsby (b 6 April 1861) m Emily Geer Cates

1262 NANCY CATHERINE MARKHAM (b 1827)

THOMAS MARCUM married secondly 31 December 1839, in Orange County, Mrs. SARAH (RHODES) HUTCHINS [#1163] *q.v.*, widow of John Hutchins, and had issue:

1264 HELON MARCUM (b 1843) unm in 1869.[2]

#303 MARY MARCUM [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 1 March 1783, and died *post* 1870. She was married 28 August 1811 to HENRY SHEPHERD, son of William Shepherd. On the death of Henry Shepherd the Court appointed Isaiah Marcom administrator of his estate. Isaiah Marcom filed the inventory of the personal property of the decedent in February 1817.[1] In March 1823 he renewed his bond as guardian of his sister's three children, George, Fanny, and Thomas Shepherd in the sum of £500, with Edmund Herndon [#276] and William Dillard as his sureties.[2]

Children of George Shepherd and Mary Marcum:

1265 GEORGE M. SHEPHERD (b 1812) m 9 March 1856 PHOEBE EMMALINE HUTCHINS, daughter of John and Sarah [#1163] Rhodes Hutchins, and

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[2] Birth dates of Thomas Marcum Jr's children are from his Bible. These dates, and the names of his grandchildren furnished by Allan M. Markham of Durham, N. C., Grandson of John Moss Markham.

[1] *Orange County Inventories, 1816-1819:* 172, in the Archives at Raleigh.

[2] Orange County Minutes for the date mentioned.

had issue: Fidelia (b 1857), Florence (b 1859), Meloe (b 1862); and Ida Shepherd (b 1866), m James W. Beavers, and had 1 son and 3 daughters.

1266 FANNY SHEPHERD (b 1814).

1267 THOMAS R. SHEPHERD (b 1816) m 13 February 1840 LOVINA CARLTON, and had issue, possibly among others: Elvira (b 1840), Nancy (b 1843), Henry (b 1846), and Elizabeth Shepherd (b 1849).

#306 NATHAN MARKHAM [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 28 December 1790, and married 1 April 1820 JANE PEARSON (b 1790). They were living in 1860 in Orange County, N. C.

Children of Nathan Markham and Jane Pearson:

1268 HIRAM MARKHAM (b 1821) married NANCY PENELOPE ATKINS, and had:
- (1) Isabella Markham (b 1847), who m Buck Gates.
- (2) Lucy Markham (b 1856).
- (3) Cora Markham m John McMannen, and had 1 daughter, Myra Pickett.

1269 CHARLES GREEN MARKHAM (b 1822) m 7 December 1841 HARRIET M. D. BILBO, and had issue:
- (1) Saunders Markham (b 1844).
- (2) Adolphus D. Markham (b 1846) m Mrs. Betty Cheek.
- (3) John Leslie Markham (b 1848) m 1 February 1877 Eleanor Blackwell, daughter of Wm. T. Blackwell, and had issue: Charles Bilbo Markham, Leila Powe, Lottie Bilbo Hundley, Frances Briggs, Susie Tucker, Lila Bingham Brogden, Dr. Blackwell Markham, and John L. Markham, Jr.
- (4) Hiram Hackney Markham (b 1858) m Rosa Seaman, and had issue, Fred Markham, who m Eunice Kincaid.
- (5) Hugh Paris Markham (b 1860) m Cora Rigsbee.

#307 ELIZABETH MARCOM [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 15 December 1792 and married 25 August 1810 THOMAS TRICE CARLTON, and had issue:

1270 MARY CARLTON married 7 August 1833, PATRICK MORING. She was mentioned in the Will of her grandfather Thomas Marcum.

#308 WILLIAM MARCOM [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 2 December 1795 in Orange County, N. C., and died before July 1838. We presume that Winnie Marcum whom Thomas Marcum named as a granddaughter in his Will was a daughter of William Marcum.

1271 WINNIE MARCUM m 10 April 1841 MARK RIGSBY (d during the Civil War), and had issue:

(1) Martha Helon Rigsby (b 29 March 1842) m 1st 3 February 1860 Elbert Washington Pickett [#1229(6)] *q. v.*, and had 1 daughter, Martha Ella (Pickett) Woods. Martha Helon (Rigsby) [Pickett] m 2ndly Levi Cates, and had Thomas, Viola, and Zula Cates, among others.

#309 EDMOND MARCOM [44 Fanny Herndon] was born 3 June 1798 in Orange County, N. C., and married in Chatham County, N. C. about 1818 NANCY MASON (who married secondly Daniel Booth, Jr.). EDMOND MARCOM died before July 1838.

Children of Edmond Marcom and Nancy Mason:

1272 WILLIAM ALDEN MARCOM (b 13 May 1819, d 30 August 1895) m in Chatham County 3 May 1842 another NANCY MASON (b 9 September 1823, d 31 August 1913) daughter of Turner Mason and his wife Sarah Wilson) and had issue:

(1) Elizabeth Markham (b
m 1st Robert S. Stone and had issue: Lena Mae Williams and W. Edgar Stone.
Elizabeth (Markham) Stone m 2nd Hiram Stone and had issue: Alma Skaggs.

(2) John W. Markham (b
m Luna Cheek (daughter of Addison Cheek) and had issue: William A. Markham and Sallie Thelma Markham who m 1st Dr. C. H. Hemphill, and 2ndly O. E. Michie.

(3) Mary Markham m Rev. ——— Ferrell.

(4) Edmund Markham, killed during Civil war in CSA.

(5) Fidelia Markham, d unm.

(6) Cora Markham m Walter Trollinger, and had issue: Sadie, Verdie, and Clara Trollinger.

1273 MARY ANN MARCOM m in Chatham County, N. C., 17 December 1839 CARLOS YATES, (son of Ely and Willa (Baucom) Yates), and had issue:

(1) Annie Yates m Will Eatman, issue: 1 son, Will Eatman, Jr.

(2) Helon Yates m Jake Walker, issue: 1 daughter, Irene (Walker) Hunter.

(3) Ida Yates m ——— Jordan, issue: several children.

(4) Mollie Yates m 1st, ——— Stone, m 2ndly, John Johnson, m 3rdly, Job P. Wyatt of Raleigh, N. C., no issue.

(5) Cornelia Yates m James G. Burt, issue: 1 daughter, Annie James Stainback.

(6) Lou Yates m Sion Holleman, issue: several children. This family lived at the Carlos Yates homestead, on the Raleigh Road, just outside of Cary, N. C. Carlos Yates and Mary Ann are buried under a cedar tree on this place.

(7) Buck Yates m ———, issue: several children.

1274 HENDERSON M. MARCOM (b 1822, d *ante* Aug. 1859) m in Wake County, 10 April 1844 CAROLINE HOLLOMAN, and issue:

(1) John Markham (b 1848).

(2) Sarah Ann Markham (b *ca* 1850) m 12 December 1867 Rev. J. Hilliard Booth (b 1845), and had issue: Dr. A. E. Booth, Frank Booth, Jamie T. Booth, Annie Greenwood and Sudie Gabriel.[1]

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[1] For more data about Sarah Ann Markham's descendants see "*Herndon-Hunt and Allied Families*", p. 100.

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